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Thousands will converge on Hoylake as the Royal Liverpool is chosen to stage tournament for the 13th time

THE 151ST OPEN Championships will return to Wirral in 2022.

The occasion will mark the 13th time that golf's original championship has been played over the famous Royal Liverpool links where many of the greatest names in the sport have lifted the iconic Claret Jug.

The Open was last played at Hoylake in 2014 when hundreds of millions around the globe witnessed Rory McIlroy win. In 2006 around 230,000 fans turned out to watch Tiger Woods lift the Claret Jug for the third time in his celebrated career when The Open returned to Hoylake - at the time a record attendance for a Championship held outside of St Andrews.

In 2014 the economic boost from holding the event was estimated at £76 million to the Wirral economy.

The next return of The Open will mark the 13th time it has been played over the famous the Royal Liverpool course and will continue Wirral's historic links with the championship. Hoylake first staged The Open in 1897 when West Kirby-born Harold Hilton, a member of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, won the Championship.

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1. North West Cycle Route

A ride with stunning views that starts and finishes at Wirral Country Park in Thurstaston and takes you along the beautiful Wirral Way. The complete route is 15 miles and predominantly traffic-free, though some crossing of junctions will be required if you do the full route.

2. North East Cycle Route

Another circular route, this takes advantage of our wonderful coastal location. Starting and finishing at Seacombe Ferry Terminal, this is one of the best routes in Wirral as it takes you around the Mersey coastline with its views over the Liverpool skyline out to the Irish Sea. The full route is nearly 11 miles long and includes some busy roads.

3. South West Cycle Route

Taking in some breath-taking views across to North Wales, this circular route also gives you the opportunity to enjoy some of the tranquil Wirral Way. Visit the historic seaside town of Parkgate along the way, for some famous ice cream or fish and chips. Great views and plenty of fresh air.

4. South East Cycle Route

Starting and finishing at the scenic Eastham Country Park, a stone's throw from the banks of the Mersey Estuary with panoramic views, the ride also visits the exquisite village of Port Sunlight, steeped in history and ornate architecture.

If you don't have your own bike, you can hire them from various railway stations - find out more at www.bikeandgo.co.uk/locations

4 UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES SITUATED NEAR TO WIRRAL...

■ **LIVERPOOL MARITIME MERCANTILE CITY:** This site comprises six locations in the city centre, including the Pier Head, Albert Dock and William Brown Street, home to Liverpool Museum, central Library and Walker Art Gallery.

■ **THE IRONBRIDGE GORGE:** This deep gorge was first formed at the end of the last ice age. Originally called the Severn Gorge, its name now is derived from the famous Iron Bridge, the first of its kind in the world.

■ **THE CASTLES & TOWN WALLS OF KING EDWARD IN GWYNEDD:** These North Wales gems include the castles of Beaumaris and Harlech and the castles and town walls of Caernarfon and Conwy.

■ **THE PONTCYSYLLTE AQUEDUCT:** This carries the Llangollen Canal across the River Dee in north east Wales. The 18-arched stone and cast iron structure is used by narrowboats. It is the longest aqueduct in Britain and the highest canal aqueduct in the world.

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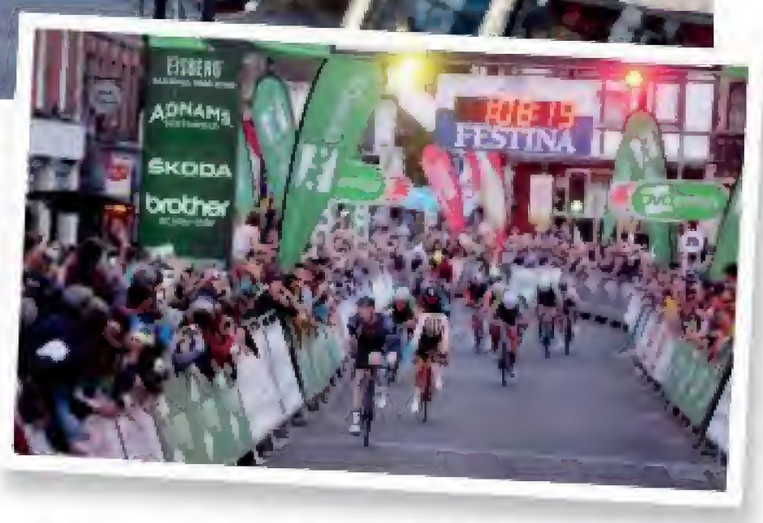
Eyes of the cycling world will be on Wirral this year



Double delight for Birkenhead as major sporting events set to come to town this year

SOME OF the world's top cyclists will be wheeling into Wirral this year as part of the area's celebrations as the Liverpool City Region's Borough of Culture for 2019.

The borough will host an event as part of the OVO Energy Tour Series as well as one stage of the Tour of Britain race this year, the first time that Wirral has hosted either occasion.

The OVO Energy Tour Series race is first on the calendar. Taking place on Tuesday 21st May in Birkenhead the race will use a circuit based specifically around the Hamilton Square area of Birkenhead and will feature both men's and women's races.

It will be the first time since 2010 that a round of the unique, team-based OVO Energy Tour Series has taken place on Merseyside.

In September, Wirral will also host a stage of the OVO Energy Tour of Britain, the UK's most prestigious professional cycle race. Details of this event, which will see the world's top teams and riders heading to Wirral, will be announced as part of the full national launch in the spring.

The Wirral stage will mark a return for the OVO Energy Tour of Britain to Merseyside for the first time since 2014.

Organised and promoted by SweetSpot Group, the OVO Energy Tour Series and Tour of Britain are broadcast on ITV4 and around the world and will attract a six-figure spectator attendance across the two days of activities.

As well as being an unticketed, free-to-attend event, the OVO Energy Tour Series is unique in the world of cycling, as the focus in both the men's and women's competition is on the teams, who battle for the overall title based on the performance of all five of their riders in each round. The Series celebrated its ten-year anniversary and 100th event in Salisbury in May 2018.

Feel inspired to saddle up yourself? Go for it...

CYCLING isn't just for elite sports people. It isn't even just for the already-fit and active...

A cycling programme with a difference takes place in Wirral's flagship park every single week which gives people, regardless of their age, experience or ability, the opportunity to saddle up and pedal off into the sunset.

The 'Wheels for All' programme in Birkenhead Park is an all-ability cycling session utilising a fleet of adapted bikes; ranging from trikes, quads, recumbents and side-by-sides etc, to standard two-wheelers for you to try in a safe and pleasant setting, with dedicated circuit and session support.

The activities are both physically and mentally stimulating and, above all, fun for everyone involved. They take place on Thursdays between 10am and 3pm and there is supervision at all times. There is scope for further sessions to take place on a Wednesday depending on the level of interest.

Each session costs £4 and can be booked by calling 01925 234213 or visiting Cycling.org.uk.

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New life down on the farm

HER CELEBRATED career may have taken her to some far-flung places, both home and abroad, but for former NSPCC and Merseyside Woman of the Year and Wirral Civic Award winner, Jo Wood MBE, home is where the heart really is.

And home for Jo these days is most certainly the place of her birth - Wirral. So while her professional and charitable work over the last three decades may have taken her to places like Borneo and Nigeria, as well as Aberdeen and East Anglia and many points in-between, Jo is now firmly established back in Wirral and doing what she can to make a difference.

Her current labour of love, as the head of the local Pawprints Wirral Wildlife charity, is trying to turn around a place that so many Wirral families hold very dear - the Tam O'Shanter Urban Farm.

Such has been the farm's struggles in recent years, that this may well prove to be Jo's toughest fight yet, but it is one she has launched herself into with the gusto one would expect from such a decorated local campaigner.

'I do love a challenge,' Jo said. 'From an early age I have been driven to make a difference wherever I can.'

The last 20 years back around Wirral have been a series of challenges for the Holt Hill Convent-educated Birkenhead local - from running a 'We Love Birkenhead' campaign in 2000, to helping to set up the Wirral Change charity, to earning accolades for her work with victims of rape and sexual abuse.

Fast forward to now and the current challenge of making Tam O'Shanter Farm great again.

'Finding Tam O'Shanter Farm neglected and forlorn in August 2018 was a life changer,' Jo said. 'I have long been emotionally attached to the farm. I remember my dad spending hours working on the rescue and refurbishment of both the farm and Bidston Windmill. And I have wonderful happy memories of times spent there with my brother in the late 80s - when both our daughters were toddlers.'

Just a few months in, and Jo and her team are already making their mark. Many animals are returning to the farm and, in a significant change, it will now be a sanctuary farm with no animals being sent to slaughter.

'We have just another eight months to make this work - for this beautiful farm to become sustainable and to stand alone,' Jo said. 'We do not see this as OUR farm - this is everyone's farm - we are just here to manage it on your behalf. But we can't do that without your help.

'We need sponsors, we need donors, we need to be commissioned to develop our wildlife zones, to develop training and education packs for children and young people; we need to be funded to provide effective management in the long term - farm management and management of the huge team of enthusiastic volunteers.

'No-one wants to bring in admission charges for the farm - it needs to be free for all of us to enjoy - but we need visitors to give what they can comfortably give - to ensure that future generations can look back on the same fond memories that we are looking back on today.'

SCARECROWS RETURN

THE Easter weekend is the perfect opportunity for visitors to make their return to see how Tam O'Shanter is changing as the farm hosts exciting events

Jo said: 'We have Vikings. We have Morris Dancers. We have Wildlife. We have craft stalls.

'And we are going to bring the scarecrows back to Wirral – let's make the first Tam O'Shanter Scarecrow festival one to remember – sign up today – start stuffing and bring your entry along on Saturday 20 April. The theme is 'The Farmyard'.'

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Play areas are set for major upgrade

Work has already begun on updates to children's play equipment in many Wirral parks

ALMOST a million pounds is due to be spent on a massive upgrade and improvement programme of children's play areas across Wirral.

The funding is being used to enhance existing play areas, making them more enjoyable for local children to play on and extending the lifecycle of the equipment.

The aim is to provide better, more attractive places for children to play, be active and socially interact. An initial programme which started last year is set to be extended for a further three years in a comprehensive programme across the borough.

Initial works have already started, ranging from painting equipment and furniture to both make them more attractive and prolong their life expectancy to replacing worn out, missing or damaged equipment and surfacing.

These works have cost £240,000 so far and approval has been sought for a further £710,000 investment on further work, spread over the next three years.

Among those already benefiting is Central Park in Wallasey, which had been without a much loved piece of equipment for some time - its 'Spacenet' has now been replaced as part of these works after the original net had to be taken down as it was worn out, with additional work planned.

Child's play: *Central Park, where the new 'Spacenet' is in place*

Revamp for iconic village building

AN HISTORIC and iconic Lower Bebington landmark will benefit from an internal refurbishment thanks to a capital investment set to be announced by Wirral Council.

65 The Village, a building at the heart of Lower Bebington village instantly recognisable due its clock tower, will undergo improvements as part of a £175,000 investment which will eventually see it reopened to the public, potentially as a community café and food outlet.

The building is one of three historically significant buildings adjacent to each other within the Lower Bebington Conservation Area with close connections to the great Victorian antiquary, collector and philanthropist, Joseph Mayer.

Situated adjacent to Mayer Hall and Pennant House, 65 The Village was originally a farmhouse bought by Joseph Mayer in 1869, which he then set about remodelling and extending - which included the addition of the clock tower - in order to house his free library, which was one of the first in the country when he established it in 1866.

In 1930, the then Bebington borough council took on responsibility for operating the library, as well as Mayer Hall and Mayer Park. When Bebington Civic Centre opened in the early 1970s, the library services were transferred to this new building.

Most recently home to Wirral Voluntary Services, 65 The Village has been unoccupied for a number of years now and is in need of essential repairs. The successful bid for Council funding from its capital budget to carry out these repairs is the first step in securing a future for the building.

FAMILY LIFE AT THE HEART OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

WIRRAL Council's Early Help and Prevention Service is working with community organisations to deliver early help to families across Wirral who need it most - forming the 'Community Matters Partnership'.

Community Matters will see a new and innovative way of working, with the goal of helping families and children get the services they need, when they need them.

Seven providers will now work together alongside existing council teams, using a joined-up approach to give families the help they need to improve their daily lives.

This new way of working will make it easier for families to access the services if needed, and get effective support from one place. The partnership will create a stronger link between council teams and voluntary community groups to deliver effective support.

Organisations that make up Community Matters include: Home-Start, Wired, North Birkenhead Development Trust, WEB Merseyside, Caritas, Fender Community School and Capacity – the public service lab, which looks at developing Wirral's Early Help offer further to make it more sustainable.

The new partnership has been launched to children's services staff and partners already working with families and children.

For more information about Community Matters email early helpteam@wirral.gcsx.gov.uk

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Suspended sentence for benefit fraudster

A WIRRAL resident who wrongly claimed more than £9,000 while taking multiple holidays has been convicted.

The financial support that Veronica Dalton, of Sidney Road, Birkenhead, received could have been awarded to residents who really needed it.

Council investigators successfully brought a case against the 58 year old, who was wrongly in receipt of Discretionary Housing Benefit and other financial breaks for more than four years.

Claiming to be a single person living alone and on very low income, Dalton received help to pay her council tax in the form of discounts, reducing her annual bill by 25%.

In addition she received a council tax reduction that covered the balance of the council tax she had to pay alongside extra help to pay her rent known as 'discretionary housing payments'. These payments covered the shortfall between her housing benefit and the amount of rent she had left to pay.

During the course of the Council's investigation, it was identified that the claimant was, in fact, living with a partner who was working full time and was therefore in a position to offer financial assistance.

In addition, the investigation revealed that Dalton took more than 23 holidays during the period of the offences, both short and long haul. This information contradicts the financial position Dalton portrayed in all of her applications for assistance.

In total, Dalton wrongly claimed council tax and housing benefit support for an amount upwards of £9,000.

Discretionary housing payments are to help people in the most serious hardship to pay their rent. This means that while Dalton claimed cash that she wasn't eligible for, families who desperately needed support may have lost out.

The case began in Wirral Magistrates Court on 30 January 2019 when Dalton entered a guilty plea to 11 offences of fraud under the Fraud Act 2006. She was sentenced to 18 weeks in custody, suspended for 12 months. Dalton will also be subject to a curfew between 7pm and 7am for eight weeks.

Summing up, the magistrate concluded that due to the seriousness of the offences, only a custodial sentence was appropriate.

Council tax help for poorer families

THOUSANDS of low-income families across Wirral will see a reduction in their bills as the council prepares an £800,000 scheme.

The proposals are part of the council's budget for 2019/20 and will see a consultation launched on cutting the council tax of more than 9,000 low-income households in the borough.

The council awards reductions of £28m to approximately 32,000 householders each year. If the new proposals are agreed, thousands of these families would see council tax bills cut from 2020 onwards, thanks to investment from the local authority.

The current Council Tax Reduction Scheme, introduced in 2013 when the government abolished council tax benefits, saw many families struggle to make payments.

Following consultation, Wirral Council decided, in addition to protection offered to pensioners, to also protect other groups of householders in receipt of certain disability benefits, as well as reducing the requirements for other working age claimants in non-protected groups. Currently, these householders pay a minimum of 22% towards their council tax bills each year.

The new proposal will help even further. A new scheme of council tax reduction - an investment of more than £800,000 - would see more than 9,000 low income households get a better deal on their council tax.

To see a full list of those entitled to help with, or who might see a reduction in, their council tax, visit www.wirral.gov.uk/council-tax/get-money-your-bill

FUNDING BOOST FOR YMCA COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

THE YMCA on Whetstone Lane will be aiming to 'Make Birkenhead Sparkle' thanks to funding to buy uniforms, hi-viz and wet weather gear and new litter pickers for their 'Street Ys' team.

The team - made up of YMCA hostel clients and local residents - make weekly visits to spots that attract litter and clear them up. They also plant bulbs and flowers, creating a corridor of colour for visitors to Birkenhead.

The new funding will also go towards training the team on using social media to promote the work of Street Ys.

SCOUT POST DELIVERS ONCE MORE

2018'S 'SCOUT Post' - where scouts and guides groups provide a Christmas card delivery service in Wirral - was a success again. During November and December, the Christmas post of 2018 sold stamps for and delivered more than 376,000 cards all over Wirral and raised £22,250, which will be shared across 16 local charities.

DOUBLE JOY FOR HOYLAKE RAIL STATION

FOR THE SECOND year running, Hoylake railway station is officially the best-kept station in Wirral. It scooped the Wirral Award at the 16th Cheshire Best Kept Stations Awards Evening held in February at the Grange Theatre in Hartford, near Northwich. Alsager station was the overall winner of Cheshire's best-kept station.

TOP CLASS SCHOOLS WANTED

THE EDUCATE Awards are returning for 2019 with a new category for mental health and wellbeing. The awards are the largest education awards in the region and are an opportunity for schools to showcase their credentials. The deadline for entries is 23 June 2019. For further information visit www.educateawards.co.uk.

Investment will help shape our libraries of the future

Accessibility and digitalisation at the heart of improvement works across the service

MORE THAN £600,000 is set to be invested into libraries across Wirral under the council's budget plans for 2019-20.

The cash, which is the first stage of a wider investment into the borough's library network, will be used to upgrade facilities and modernise libraries across the borough bringing improved facilities for their local communities.

Work will include making the buildings more accessible for those with disabilities, as well as providing updated IT and digital equipment for staff and library users - a crucial development as more services become available online.

This will increasingly make libraries the place to go for people who don't have the access or the confidence to use digital services.

The investment will also be targeted at improving the libraries as learning environments, as well as making sure the buildings they are based in are fit for purpose and able to host even more activities and events for their communities.

Despite continuing cuts to local authority budgets, Wirral is proud that it has been able to protect this service and not shut any libraries. This has been achieved in partnership with the communities it serves.

Iconic: *Birkenhead Central Library*

Reading 'revolution' will help create happier, healthier local communities

A 'SHARED READING SPACE' opened in Wirral recently where reading revolutionaries can create supportive communities - all based around great literature.

Wirral Council's Public Health Team is working with The Reader, a national charity based in Liverpool's Calderstones Park, to manage this exciting new project, which is based at Birkenhead Central Library.

The setting is fitting as Birkenhead library was where The Reader's first 'Shared Reading group' was launched more than a decade ago by its founder, Jane Davis. The innovative space is designed to enhance people's lives.

Shared reading groups can improve wellbeing, reduce social isolation and build stronger, more supportive communities.

'We know loneliness is considered an important public health problem, with greater emphasis on the need to 'stay healthy' and 'age well,' said Jane Davis.

'At The Reader, we believe a reading revolution that helps people come together, around great literature, to talk, laugh and share is a simple way to create healthy communities. We urge those that can to think about joining or leading a Shared Reading group in Birkenhead, Wirral and beyond.'

Wirral currently has 25 reading groups running, from Birkenhead to West Kirby, with some groups extending to hard-to-reach groups including dementia care homes and probation services.

The reading space, with a team of volunteers and 'Reader Leaders', will encourage locals to build a reading community outside of weekly groups.

Call into your local library or visit www.wirral.gov.uk/libraries to find out more. Groups are free and open to all, normally last an hour or an hour and a half, and run every week in local community spaces.

HERE'S WHAT'S TRENDING WITH READING GROUPS NOW

WIRRAL'S shared reading groups have revealed the top five books that their members have read together recently:

- Mill on the Floss - George Eliot
- Dombey and Son - Charles Dickens
- Othello - William Shakespeare
- Never Let Me Go - Kazuo Ishigiro
- A Little, Aloud - edited by Angela MacMillan, which is 'an anthology of prose and poetry for reading aloud to someone you care for'.

special feature

International Women's Day is the United Nations' marked day for recognising women's achieve

Celebrating Wirral's trailblazing women

CELEBRATED each year on 8 March, International Women's Day is acknowledged in many countries around the world. It first emerged from the activities of labour movements at the turn of the twentieth century in North America and across Europe.

Since those early years, International Women's Day has assumed a new global dimension for women in developed and developing countries alike.

The growing international women's movement, which has been strengthened by four global United Nations women's conferences, has helped make the commemoration a rallying point to build support for women's rights and participation in the political and economic arenas.

This year's International Women's Day theme is #BalanceforBetter. The theme encourages activists and campaign groups internationally to call for a more gender-balanced world.

Here in Wirral, there are many people calling for gender equality through their actions as well as their words.

On this page we are celebrating some of the borough's women, who have smashed gender stereotypes and flourished in, often, male-dominated arenas.

LEIGH D'ARCY – GRAPHIC DESIGNER.

Leigh recently beat hundreds of competitors to win the Borough of Culture's logo design competition. Having designed for around four years, the Wallasey-based artist has had an interest in art and design from a young age.

'My university course [Product Engineering] was predominantly a male heavy course. I think a lot of sectors which employ mostly male staff could potentially profit from having a female perspective and the more diversity a work team has, the more beneficial it will become on multiple levels.'

Leigh encourages other women to follow in her footsteps as working in design, 'allows you to interact with lots of different industries and individuals who you otherwise might not have had the pleasure of working with'.

Keep an eye out for Leigh's work throughout Wirral's time as Borough of Culture. Below we profile a few more of Wirral's enterprising women...

LOUISE MCLOUGHLIN – GOLFER

Making waves in Wirral's sports scene, golfing star Louise McLoughlin, of Bromborough Golf Club, is up for the Young Ambassador of the Year award at this year's England Golf Awards.

A 'Girl's Golf Rocks' ambassador, Louise's love for the sport began when she was 11 which led to her playing for Cheshire at age 14. She was inspired to play golf by her late Grandad who encouraged her to excel.

As a result, Louise believes that encouraging young girls and women in sport is important, just as her Grandad did for her.

The Bromborough resident implores other young people to try the challenging sport as, 'it keeps you fit, you meet wonderful people and make friends for life'.

MOLLIE ROSE MCKEE – HIVE AMBASSADOR/VOLUNTEER

Mollie has been a Hive ambassador at Wirral's Hive Youth Zone for almost 18 months, making sure the opinions of her and her peers are heard within the youth centre. A 'Young Leader' since 2017 and committed volunteer at Neo Community café, Mollie plans to study health and social care at college. And as if that wasn't enough, she sings! Choir leader of the junior pop choir, Mollie is a member of Edge of Seventeen, a vocal group who have performed at several events including Wirral's recent royal visit of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

Speaking of gender equality and women's representation, the young go-getter believes that everyone deserves the same opportunities, 'because everyone is equal, no matter their gender'.

POPPY CAIN – YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT

Poppy Cain has been involved in Young People's Parliament for the last three years after joining the Creative Youth Development team. Interested in helping others, she has helped to run a yearly Youth conference and Youth Parliament for her area.

Passionate about how arts can help people with additional needs, the Woodchurch resident was also awarded 'Youth Focus North West', by the Young Citizens Awards in 2018, for helping to pioneer Wirral's first SEND Youth Conference in 2018.

When it comes to equality, Poppy strongly believes in all voices being heard. Speaking of her involvement in politics Poppy adds: 'It helped me build my confidence and self-esteem and realise my voice and views are important. We need more role models for young women!'

> ***It made me realise my voice and my views are important. We need more role models for young women!***

special feature

ments worldwide, whilst also promoting gender equality

***Designer look:** Leigh and her award-winning logo*

Ladies take over Birkenhead Parkrun

BIRKENHEAD Parkrun will host its second 'ladies takeover' to celebrate International Women's Day and encourage more women and girls to volunteer at the group's events.

The weekly event sees more than 600 people of all ages and abilities a week take part in a 5km timed run, walk or jog through Birkenhead Park.

One of hundreds in the UK, Birkenhead Parkrun has held more than 180 events.

Gemma Cloney, one of the group's dedicated volunteers said of their plans: 'A lot of women and girls attend our events. We want to inspire them to volunteer in the future.

'The first takeover, last September, was so well received and the atmosphere was magical.'

Back by popular demand the takeover will take place on Saturday 9 March at 9am. To get involved, visit: www.parkrun.org.uk/birkenhead

Tomorrow's Women free event

FOLLOWING their tradition of the last four years local women's charity, Tomorrow's Women Wirral, will celebrate International Women's Day with a free event.

On Friday 8 March 2019 all women 18 and above are invited to join the charity for an afternoon packed full of inspirational talks, networking with support agencies and entertainment - alongside the organisation's annual general meeting.

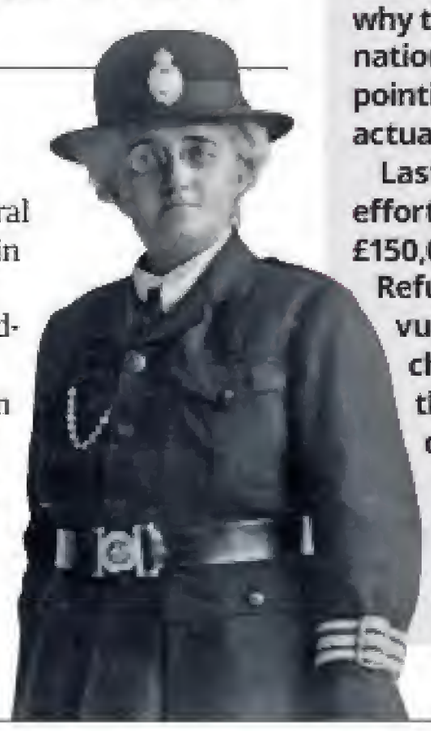
Taking place at 12-3pm, the charity will welcome their special guest speaker and patron, Dame Lorna Muirhead, to open the event and introduce performances of drama, singing and poetry.

Wirral's Pioneer PC

DID YOU KNOW that the first female police officer with 'full power of arrest' was born and bred in Wirral?

Edith Smith was born in Oxton in 1880 and a blue plaque can be seen at the house she grew up in and raised her family, at 18 Palm Hill.

If you would like to find out more about Edith's trailblazing career, there will be a talk at Wirral Archives, in Cheshire Lines Building, Birkenhead, on Thursday 4 April at 2pm. Call 0151 606 2929 for details.



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

WANT TO GET involved in the #BalanceforBetter campaign? Join in on social media! Put your hands out and strike the '#BalanceforBetter pose' and share your ideas to make a positive difference for women everywhere.

The #BalanceforBetter campaign runs all year long, providing a unified direction to guide and galvanize continuous collective action, with #BalanceforBetter activity reinforced and amplified all year.

Balance is not a women's issue, it's a business issue. The race is on for the gender-balanced boardroom, a gender-balanced government, gender-balanced media coverage, a gender-balance of employees, more gender-balance in wealth and gender-balanced sports coverage.

Gender balance is essential for economies and communities to thrive.

HEY, WHAT ABOUT MEN?

EACH YEAR on International Women's Day, comedian Richard Herring takes pride and pleasure in replying to tonnes of outraged tweets about why there isn't an International Men's Day... by pointing out that there actually is one.

Last year, the comic's efforts raised more than £150,000 for the charity Refuge which supports vulnerable women and children by asking those who posed the question to donate.

International Men's Day takes place, each year, on 19 November!

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Healthcare begins at home

Teletriage service enables carers to seek medical advice before heading to hospital

AN INNOVATIVE service provided by Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust is helping hundreds of residents avoid unnecessary trips to hospital.

The Trust has developed a 'Teletriage Service' for care homes, in which senior nurses provide healthcare advice to care home staff, helping to manage any health concerns they have about their residents.

If a care home is concerned about a resident, they can ring the Teletriage Service and using iPads the senior nurse then carries out a rapid assessment of the patient to determine what action is required.

Most care home residents are older people and evidence shows many are admitted to hospital when they become ill, even though it's often not the most appropriate place for them.

Being admitted can sometimes have a severe impact on people both physically and mentally and for some they don't regain the level of function they had prior to admission. So it's vital that they are only admitted to hospital when clinically necessary.

Following their virtual assessment, senior nurses will then coordinate the appropriate care, whether that's advice and support to care home staff, referral to other services such as GPs, the falls team, geriatricians, community nurses, or an emergency ambulance. They also provide education to care home staff, reviewing cases and offering clinical supervision.

Since its launch in 2017, the Teletriage Service has been rolled out across 76 care homes in Wirral. It's available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and replaces the 111 service for care homes taking part.

Online consultation: Teletriage in action

The service receives about 280-300 calls a month from care homes and only around 12% of patients usually require hospital treatment (most for an X-Ray). So the service has helped avoid hundreds of unnecessary hospital admissions, provided direct support to care home staff, a better outcome for patients and reduced costs to the NHS.

The service now wants to start prescribing medicines for care homes and providing hands-on clinical assessment for patients who need it.

Exciting plans to help day care clients

PEOPLE WITH additional needs and learning difficulties could have use of a state-of-the-art, purpose-built adult day centre.

If approved, the new complex will provide bespoke break-out areas for adult day care customers during the day while being open for use by Leisure Centre customers in the evening.

The development is to be built on to the back of Leasowe Leisure Centre. It will provide tailored, pioneering day services for adults with learning disabilities. The centre will allow these Wirral residents to learn new skills, build confidence and develop and enhance life skills while also offering opportunities for clients to gain work experience.

Supported by Wirral Council, the project will be managed by Wirral Evolutions.

Delivering high quality, accessible and - importantly - inclusive services is a key priority and this proposal demonstrates the council's commitment to that.

As part of the proposal the existing Leasowe Leisure Centre will also be given a makeover as the building's frontage and some communal areas will be refreshed and updated.

The bid also outlines plans for plenty of car parking space and drop off points as the project sets out to make the site's existing facilities more easily accessible to all residents.

Adult day care customers will also be able to use the wide range of facilities the Leisure Centre has to offer, including the new artificial turf pitch - the original idea was that the new pitch would become a local 'Centre of Excellence' for football for Adults with Learning Difficulties.

As the adult services will operate during the day this will leave the site available for Wirral's leisure services to expand their offer to customers in the evenings and utilise the space for additional and new fitness classes to benefit the community.

Mental health help - now we're talking...

PEOPLE IN Wirral feeling low or suffering stress or anxiety can access psychological talking therapies by referring themselves – no GP required.

Anyone over 16 who is registered with a local GP can access talking therapies, which include cognitive behavioural therapies, bereavement support, counselling, and groups/courses to help people better understand and improve their mental health.

To find out more call 0151 649 1859 or visit www.wirralccg.nhs.uk

Heritage bid on track

Park specialists on-board to take forward ambitions to secure World Heritage status

On duty: Liz and Rob at work at Birkenhead Park's Grand Entrance

TWO BRILLIANT new recruits have arrived in Wirral to take Birkenhead Park's bid for UNESCO World Heritage Site status to the next level.

Meet Liz Mann and Rob Belcher, who each have vast experience in park restoration projects, local history research, and community engagement.

Project Officer Liz - a former history and geography teacher - previously worked at Wrexham's Brymbo Heritage Trust, where she provided project support for successful Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery applications, and engaged schools and community groups with the history and heritage of the area.

Before coming to Wirral, Project Manager Rob worked at Stoke-on-Trent Council for more than 20 years, where he put together funding packages for large multi-million pound park projects.

'I was familiar with Birkenhead Park when I saw the job advert for World Heritage Site Project Manager,' Rob says. 'It's recognised as an extremely significant historic park. I was drawn to the role because of this and due to the park's Grade 1 listing - it's really the top of the tree in terms of historical significance.

'Our role is to support the bid to become a World Heritage Site, while seeking Heritage Lottery Fund money to help with the next phase of park improvements.

'Lots of great work has already happened on the bid, from both the council and the friends of the park group. We've got lots to build on and we're excited for the future of the park.'

Liz adds: 'We want to move aspirations for the park forward, and we're getting everything ready to apply to UNESCO when the time is right. It's also really important to me to help visitors to the park get to know its story - it's a well-visited park and a hugely valuable resource to have on our doorstep. We want to help preserve its unique history and heritage.'

This is why Birkenhead Park should become a UNESCO World Heritage site

ACCORDING TO UNESCO, to be included on the World Heritage List, sites must be of outstanding universal value and meet at least one out of 10 selection criteria.

Wirral's bid to add Birkenhead Park to that exclusive list is based on the belief that it meets three of the criteria for Outstanding Universal Value:

- UNESCO Criteria (i)

To represent a masterpiece of human creative genius

- UNESCO Criteria (ii)

To exhibit an important interchange of human values over a span of time in architecture, town-planning or landscape design.

- UNESCO Criteria (iv)

To be an outstanding example of a type of landscape which illustrates a significant stage in human history, town planning or landscape design.

Follow the progress of the bid on Facebook or Twitter @BirkenheadPark WorldHeritageProject

NHS BOSSES READY TO TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS

THE ORGANISATION that commissions NHS and care services in Wirral is inviting residents to take part in one of two planned 'question time' events.

Wirral Health and Care Commissioning (WHCC) is a partnership between NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Wirral Council. Since May 2018 the two have been working together to plan, design and commission health and care services for Wirral.

This includes the care people receive at hospitals and in community clinics, social care, and initiatives to improve public health.

The leadership team from Wirral Health and Care Commissioning will be on hand to answer questions about how health and care services are commissioned in Wirral and to listen to views on how services are currently working. The events will be BSL signed.

The events will be held:

- **Wednesday 3 April 2019 - Bebington Civic Centre, 6.30-8pm**
- **Wednesday 5 June 2019 - Birkenhead Town Hall, 6.30-8pm**

The events are open to all, but people are asked to register on the Wirral CCG website www.wirralccg.nhs.uk or via email WICCG.InTouch@nhs.net to give an idea of numbers. You can submit a question in advance for either of the events using the same contact details.

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Wirral's leisure centres get in shape for healthy future

Four of the borough's most-loved centres will be improved due to further investment

FOUR WIRRAL leisure centres are set to see major improvements following investments announced by the council.

The Oval in Bebington will get an improved reception area - to enhance customer access - as well as upgraded pool changing facilities and sports hall as part of a £775,000 investment in services.

A further £340,000 is set to be spent on upgrades and improvements to fitness suites at Leasowe, Guinea Gap and West Kirby Concourse leisure centres.

The improvements at the Oval come on top of significant work that has taken place over the last 18 months which has seen its iconic grandstand restored and its fitness and studio space expanded.

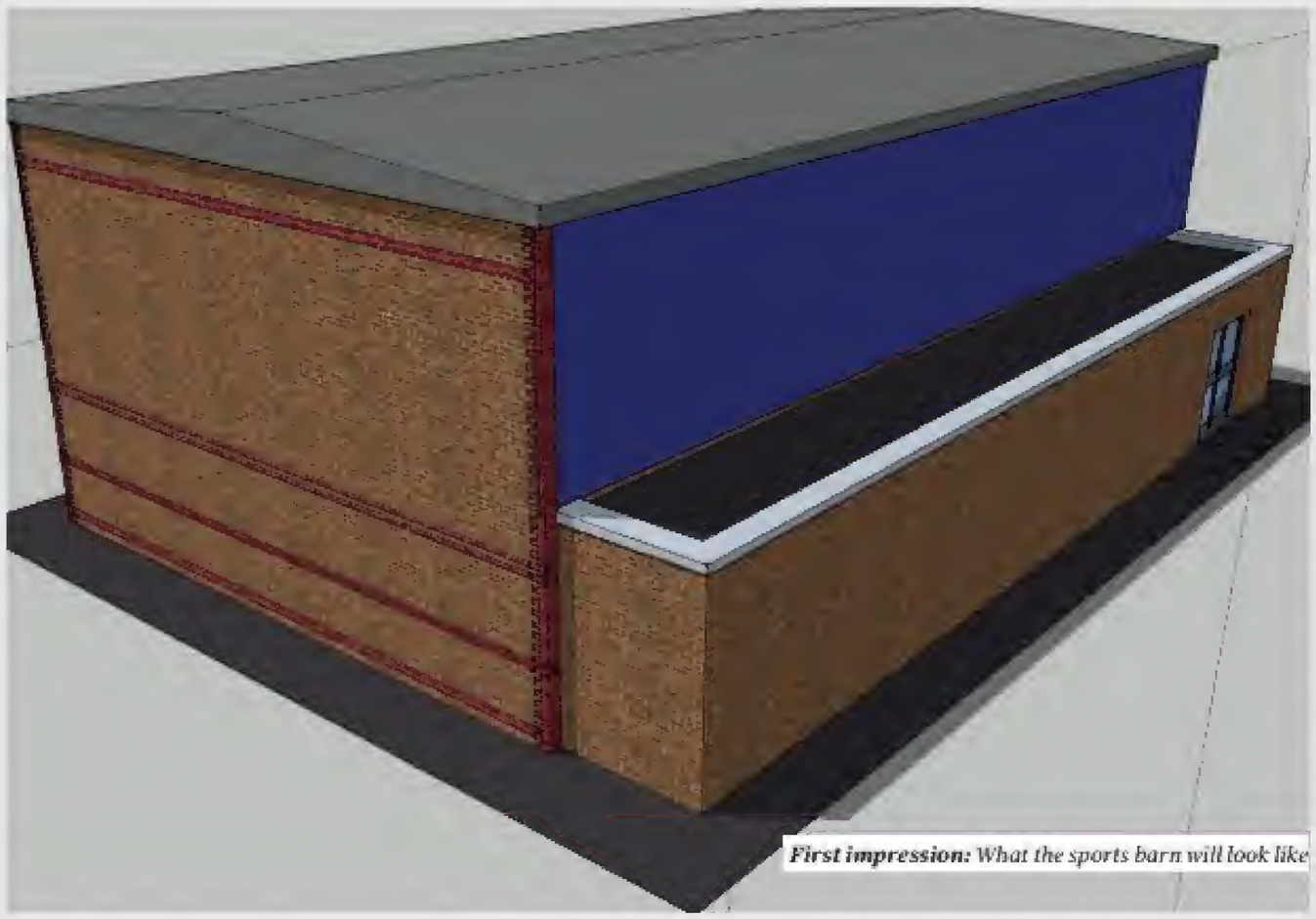
The new improvements to the fitness facilities at the other three centres will see the:

- Complete replacement of all of the gym equipment at Leasowe
- Replacement of equipment and console upgrades at Guinea Gap
- Replacement of consoles at West Kirby Concourse

Along with the complete refurbishment at Leasowe, the investment will see a range of improvements that include touch screens and wifi enabled consoles at the three facilities. The consoles also include new software that acts as an exercise tracker to monitor your cardio vascular exercise on the treadmills, bikes, cross and lateral trainers.

This can also be linked to the Exorlive app available through Invigor8, providing the ability for members to pre-programme exercise sessions and receive via e-mail or direct onto a mobile device 'live' monitoring of their progress on every visit.

Centre of excellence: *The Oval*



First impression: *What the sports barn will look like*

Sporting chance for local school

WORK IS GETTING underway on a £400,000 'sports barn' at a Wirral school.

The stand-alone development at New Brighton Primary will provide the school with a vital new facility for pupils to play sports all year round.

It is also intended to help with improving pupil lifestyle and well-being, and outside of school opening times it will be made available for members of the local community to enjoy.

The sports barn will allow New Brighton Primary to make better use of its existing building and potentially generate some additional income.

The project is expected to cost around £400,000 with estimated completion by early July 2019. The sports barn is also sensitively designed to fit in with the nearby Conservation Area.

This is a vital development for the school to ensure children are able to participate in sports and enjoy the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, whilst also providing an additional leisure and fitness facility for local people of all ages to use.

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FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT WIRRALVIEW.COM

Electric Avenue

AVENUE Q's laugh-out-loud musicals have sold out on Broadway and in the West End and now they are coming to Wirral!

The show, described by one reviewer as an 'X-rated Sesame Street with a hint of Friends' tells the story of a number of loveable (and unforgettable) characters on a downtown New York street trying to make sense of life's burning issues - like what do you do with a BA in English, how do you find your purpose and what is the internet really for?

Packed with mischief and bad behaviour, Avenue Q is a musical like no other. *'Brash, puerile, sometimes downright obscene, and I loved every minute of it!' Christopher Hart, The Sunday Times.*

Created by Jeff Marx and Robert Lopez (Co-creator of Book of Mormon and writer of the songs for Disney's Frozen), the show runs from Mon 8 to Sat 13 April, 7.30pm at Floral Pavilion and there are matinees on Wed 10 and Sat 13 April. Tickets cost £24 - £32.

Visit floralpavilion.com to book tickets (aged 14 or over) and see what all the fuzz is about!

■ **WIN TWO TICKETS** to the opening night of Avenue Q on Monday 8 April. See p16 for details.

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HERE'S JONI! 14

Small wonder
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AT THE DRIVE-IN
The brilliant Bohemian Rhapsody kickstarts Woodside Drive-In's spring season.
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LOOKALIKES
A whole host of tribute acts - from Michael Jackson and Bruce Springsteen to Blondie and the Bee Gees - come to Wirral!
✪ see Listings

BRAVE FACE
Touching play about post traumatic stress in the military.
✪ gladstonetheatre.org.uk

WILDE THING
Oscar Wilde's pro-test play 'A Woman of No Importance'.
✪ see Listings

...THERE'S MORE
It's Jimmy Cricket!
✪ see Listings

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WHAT'S ON, WHEN & WHERE

THE WIZARD OF OZ
TUE 5 & WED 6 MAR, 7pm
£7.50 | £5
Walk down the yellow brick road with St Mary's Catholic College.
floralpavilion.com

TAKE ME TO CHURCH
FRI 8 MAR, 7.30pm. £6
Comedy and live music with Liz Owen, Barrie Heap and more.
westkirbyartscentre.org.uk

ROVING CROWS
SAT 9 MAR, 7.45pm. £10
Acoustic set by folk rock group.
westkirbyartscentre.org.uk

BACK WHERE WE BELONG
THU 14 MAR, 7pm. £2.50
A talk by Matt Jones on how Tranmere Rovers returned to the Football League. Birkenhead Central Library. Book ahead.
0151 606 2665

BARBARA ROBERTS SCHOOL OF DANCE
FRI 15 & SAT 16 MAR, 7.30pm. £11
Dance spectacular from the Moreton-based dance school.
gladstonetheatre.org.uk

THE TAKE THAT EXPERIENCE
SAT 16 MAR, 7.30pm
£20 | £16.50
Superb tribute performing all the classics.
floralpavilion.com

GODSPELL - ST JAMES' CHURCH
SAT 16 MAR, 7pm
SUN 17 MAR, 3pm. £10 | £5
Musical about Jesus's life, performed by pupils from New Brighton Primary School.
stjameswithemmanuel.uk

PIANO PLUS
SUN 17 MAR, 2pm
Jazz and classical music to raise money for a new piano.
westkirbyartscentre.org.uk

MADAGASCAR
TUE 19 - SAT 23 MAR, 7pm
Matinee WED & SAT, 2.30pm
Tickets £20 - £35
Join Alex (X-Factor winner Matt Terry) and friends as they escape from the zoo and onto the stage in this wild and wonderful musical!
floralpavilion.com

DAVID COPPERFIELD
TUE 19 - SAT 23 MAR, 7.30pm
Tickets £7 - £9
Charles Dickens classic at The Little Theatre, Birkenhead.
0151 647 6593

PERIL AT SEA
WED 20 MAR, 7.30pm. £10
Play about the greatest storm in living memory and one lonely boat caught in the waves.
westkirbyartscentre.org.uk

BRENDAN'S MYSTERIOUS BASEMENT BOX: A TALK
THU 21 MAR 21, 7pm
Treasures from the Williamson's basement.
williamsonartgallery.org

ANIMATED SQUARE
SAT 23 MAR, 5pm
See page 24.

COURT AND SPARK - THE JONI MITCHELL SONGBOOK
SAT 23 MAR, 7.30pm
£17.50 | £15.50
Celebrate Joni Mitchell's music.
floralpavilion.com

FUNHOUSE COMEDY
SAT 23 MAR, 7.30pm. £12
TV's Jo Caulfield, English comedian of the year 2016, headlines.
gladstonetheatre.org.uk

LIKE A HURRICANE
SAT 23 MAR, 7.30pm. £8
5 piece guitar band play Eagles, Bryan Adams, Oasis, Santana, Taylor Swift and more.
westkirbyartscentre.org.uk

F:RATED COMEDY
SUN 24 MAR, 8pm. £11.50
Jamie Sutherland is supported by Howard Walker and Big Lou.
floralpavilion.com

ENSEMBLE PERPETUO
MON 25 MAR, 7.30pm. £16
Finzi, Schubert and Mozart. St. Hildeburgh's Church, Hoylake.
chamberconcert.co.uk

DIANA ROSS: HER LIFE, LOVE & LEGACY (PG)
TUE 26 MAR, 7.30pm
£14.95 | £12.95
Never-seen-before footage plus the best of her iconic Central Park concert in New York.
newbrighton.light cinemas.co.uk

MICHAEL STARRING BEN
THU 28 MAR, 7.30pm. £26 | £24
Michael Jackson tribute performs all your favourite hits.
floralpavilion.com

THE SOUND OF MUSIC
THU 28 - SAT 30 MAR, 7.30pm
Matinee 2pm SAT. £14
Port Sunlight Players present the family musical.
gladstonetheatre.org.uk

THE MERSEYBEATS
FRI 29 MAR, 7.30pm. £23.50
An evening of the Golden Age of 60s music when Liverpool ruled the airwaves.
floralpavilion.com

HAL CRUTTENDEN - CHUBSTER
SAT 30 MAR, 7.30pm. £19.50
A comedy show his daughters chose the name of!
floralpavilion.com

EVERLY BROTHERS TRIBUTE BY TENNESSEE WALTZ
SAT 30 MAR, 7.30pm. £12 | £10
Celebrating the songs and harmonies! 'Bye Bye Love', 'Wake Up Little Susie', 'Cathy's Clown' and more.
heswallhall.co.uk

THE VERY HUNGRY RABBIT EASTER TRAIL
SAT 30 MAR - TUE 30 APR.
Usual admission plus £1.
Follow the trail to find what the mischievous rabbit has been up to in the garden. Suitable for 3 - 12 year olds.
nessgardens.org.uk

For 'What's On' t&cs visit wirralview.com/terms

COPPELIA
TUE 30 APR, 7.30pm.
£24 | £22 (conc) | £18 under 16s
Vienna Festival Ballet's beautiful and captivating story of an eccentric toymaker and his beloved doll.
floralpavilion.com

STEPHEN HITCHIN: SHOOTING THE SUN
Until APR 14
Wirral-based sculptor who is inspired by the extreme environments of the maritime world.
williamsonartgallery.org

CHRISTOPHER BIGGINS
FRI 3 MAY, 7.30pm. £22
An evening filled with laughter, backstage banter and gossip from this larger than life star of stage and screen.
gladstonetheatre.org.uk

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MOTHERSHIP - LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE

SAT 30 MAR, 7.30pm. £19.50|£17.50

More than two hours of classic Led Zeppelin, plus laser show.

floralpavilion.com

WILLIAMSON OPEN ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

MAR 30 - MAY 5

Annual show with work from local artists and photographers.

williamsonartgallery.org

MOTHER'S DAY MAGIC!

SUN 31 MAR, 1.30pm. £25.95

Treat your Mum to afternoon tea and award-winning magic show from Paul Roberts.

floralpavilion.com

PORT SUNLIGHT ORCHESTRA

SUN 31 MAR, 2.30pm

Classical music at Lady Lever Art Gallery. Free.

liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/ladylever

STOLEN

SUN 31 MAR, 7.30pm. £12 | £10

The Devil's Violin return with an enchanting blend of words and music.

gladstonetheatre.org.uk

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH 2019

SUN 31 MAR, 7pm

£13.50 | Family £46

Annual showcase of local talent in aid of the Mayor's charity.

floralpavilion.com

CARTOON CIRCUS LIVE

TUE 2 APR, 1.30pm. £7

Clowns, comedy, magic and circus acts at Heswall Hall!

heswallhall.co.uk

THE ORIGINAL PANAMA JAZZBAND - THE IRBY CLUB

WED 3 APR, 8.30pm

Long-running NW jazz band.

irbyclub.co.uk

FEATHERED FRIENDS IN ROYDEN PARK

WED 3 APR, 10am & 1pm. £3

Which birds visit the park and make your own bird feeder.

midwirralrangers@wirral.gov.uk

BARRY MANILOW SONGBOOK

THU 4 APR, 7.30pm. £23.50

Bryant Olender sings 'Bermuda Triangle', Copacabana' and more!

floralpavilion.com

SONNY ORMONDE

FRI 5 APR, 7.30pm. £14 | £12

An evening with Sunny Ormonde, who plays the outrageous Lilian Bellamy in BBC Radio 4's The Archers.

gladstonetheatre.org.uk

LIVERPOOL STRING QUARTET

FRI 5 APR, 7.30pm. £10 | £6

An evening of classical music with Shostakovich and Dvorak at St Hildeburgh's Church, Hoylake.

sthildeburgh.net

ARCHEOLOGY FINDS

SAT 6 APR, 10am-1pm

Have you found an object you think is over 300 years old? If so, tell us about it! Port Sunlight.

liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/ladylever

BEE GEES FEVER

SAT 6 APR, 7.30pm. £16

Superb tribute perform 'Stayin' Alive', 'How Deep Is Your Love', 'Night Fever' and more.

gladstonetheatre.org.uk

LA TRAVIATA

SAT 6 APR, 7.30pm. £15 | £12

Opera Viva perform Verdi's masterpiece. Heswall Hall.

heswallhall.co.uk

FODEN'S BAND

SUN 7 APR, 7.30pm. £15

Salute to Sinatra and the Swing Legends with Matthew Ford.

gladstonetheatre.org.uk

AVENUE Q

MON 8 - SAT 13 APR, 7.30pm

Matinee 2.30pm WED & SAT.

Tickets £24 - £32

See article on page 13.

NT LIVE: ALL ABOUT EVE (12A)

THU 11 APR, 7pm. £16.95 | £14.95

The story of Margo Channing and the beautiful 'golden girl' Eve, starring Gillian Anderson and Lily James.

newbrighton.lightcinemas.co.uk

A BRAVE FACE

THU 11 APR, 7.30pm,

FRI 12 APR 2pm. £13 | £11

Post Traumatic Stress in the military. Theatre without words.

gladstonetheatre.org.uk

CHAPS CHOIR & THE BEBINGTON BITTERMEN

FRI 12 APR, 7.30pm. £10 | £8

An evening of rousing vocals!

gladstonetheatre.org.uk

VIVALDI'S GLORIA AND OTHER EASTER JOYS

FRI 12 APR, 8pm. £7

An evening of classical music at Christ Church, Willaston.

christchurchwillaston.com

SHOWADDYWADDY

SAT 13 APR, 7.30pm, £23 | £21

They're back! Expect 'Under The Moon of Love', 'Pretty Little Angel Eyes' and more.

gladstonetheatre.org.uk

MARTHA TILSTON

SAT 13 APR, 7.45pm. £14 | £12

Powerful songstress with sharp, original songs.

westkirbyarts centre.org.uk

DON'T STOP ME NOW...

BOHEMIAN Rhapsody, the award-winning celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury, kickstarts Woodside Drive In's spring season on SAT 6 & SUN 7 APR, 7.30pm.

You can also see the following films at Woodside Drive In during April:

- **Mamma Mia (PG) - Thu 11 Apr, 7.30pm**
- **Grease (PG) - Fri 12 Apr, 7.30pm**
- **The Greatest Showman (PG) - Sat 13 Apr, 7.30pm**
- **The Rocky Horror Picture Show (15) - Sun 14 Apr, 7.30pm**
- **Toy Story (PG) - Thu 18 Apr. 8pm**

It costs £15 per car (up to 5 people). For details, visit woodsidedrivein.co.uk

More overleaf...

WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

SAT 6 APR, 1.30pm & 4.30pm,

SUN 7 APR, 10.30am & 1.30pm.

£13.50 | Groups of 10+ £9pp

Join an intrepid family and their musical dog in this smash hit fresh from the West End, based on the book by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. Suitable for children 3+.

floralpavilion.com

JIMMY CRICKET

SUN 14 APR, 2.30pm. £10 | £5

The hilarious 80s comedy icon comes to Wirral! Expect wellies, letters from his mammy and his famous catchphrase 'there's more' in this family friendly show.

gladstonetheatre.org.uk

what's on

COMPLETE WORKS PRESTIGE 2019
MON 15 & TUE 16 APR, 7pm
£14 | £12
Annual extravaganza from the Wirral based dance school.
floralpavilion.com

WALK RIGHT BACK - THE EVERLY BROTHERS STORY
THU 18 APR, 7.30pm. £24
Featuring 'Bye Bye Love', 'All I Have To Do Is Dream', 'Cathy's Clown' and more.
floralpavilion.com

THE LITTLE MERMAID
SAT 20 APR, 2.30pm. £12 | £10
This family-friendly Easter panto, featuring songs, magic and puppets, is guaranteed to make a splash!
gladstonetheatre.org.uk

ROPE
TUE 23 - SAT 27 APR, 7.30pm. £7 - £9
A gruesome murder, a body in a chest and a dramatic dinner party. Little Theatre, Birkenhead.
0151 647 6593

THAT'LL BE THE DAY
FRI 26 APR, 7.30pm. £27
Rock'n'roll spectacular with hits from the 50s, 60s & 70s!
floralpavilion.com

ECLIPSE - THE PINK FLOYD EXPERIENCE 2019
SAT 27 APR, 7.30pm. £19.50|£17.50
All your favourite Pink Floyd tracks plus, of course, a spectacular light show!
floralpavilion.com

BOOTLEG BLONDIE
SAT 27 APR, 8pm. £17.50
The official Debbie Harry and Blondie tribute performs 'Atomic', 'Heart of Glass', 'One Way or Another' and more.
floralpavilion.com

BILLY AND WALLY'S 'HOLD YOUR PLUMS'
SUN 28 APR, 7pm. £23.50
Hilarious night of the famous cult radio show, with the sounds of The Drifters, The Stylistics and The Bee Gees Experience.
floralpavilion.com

THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF VARIETY - 60S LEGENDS SPECIAL
WED 1 MAY, 2pm
£16 | £15
The hits of the 50s and 60s with The Dreamers, Tammy Jones and comedian Johnnie Casson.
floralpavilion.com

OSCAR WILDE - A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE
WED 1 - SAT 4 MAY, 7.30pm. £7
A protest against Victorian gender inequality framed with perfect witticisms. Westbourne Hall, West Kirby.
07906 265317

PRINCE OF DARKNESS
FRI 3 MAY, 7.30pm. £12
Drama based on one man's obsession with Edgar Allan Poe.
floralpavilion.com

WE ARE WHAT WE OVERCOME
FRI 3 MAY, 7.30pm. £5
Matt McGuinness presents an uplifting show about battling mental health issues.
westkirbyartscentre.org.uk

LUTHER VANDROSS - A CELEBRATION
FRI 3 MAY, 7.30pm. £25
Expect 'Never Too Much', 'Endless Love' and more.
floralpavilion.com

LEGEND OF SPRINGSTEEN
SAT 4 MAY, 8pm. £23.50
A tribute to 'The Boss' with 'Born in the USA', 'Born to Run' and more.
floralpavilion.com

SPIRIT OF THE 80S
SAT 4 MAY, 7.30pm. £17
Expect big hair and shoulder pads, plus Spandau Ballet, Wham, Madonna and more!
floralpavilion.com

HOYLAKE SCHOOL OF DANCE
SUN 5 & MON 6 MAY. £12.50
Juvenile: Sun, 1pm. Jazz, Tap & Contemporary: Sun, 7pm. Commercial: Mon, 1pm. Classical: Mon, 7pm.
floralpavilion.com

ASHTON PARK MAY FAIR
MON 6 MAY, 10am-4pm
Children's fair, stalls, music, dancers and donkey rides!
0151 625 6184

CHORAL FESTIVAL
THU 9 MAY, 7pm. £13
Featuring local choirs.
floralpavilion.com

THE ILLEGAL EAGLES
FRI 10 MAY, 7.30pm. £25.50
Check in to the 'Hotel California' and live 'Life in the Fast Lane' with this superb tribute.
floralpavilion.com

MAGIC! THE TOUR
SAT 11 MAY, 5.30pm. £16 | £12
Grand illusions of Bondini and the hilarious magic of JezO.
gladstonetheatre.org.uk

SEUSSICAL
THU 16 - SAT 18 MAY, 7.30pm
Matinee SAT 2.30pm. £14 | £11
Show based on the children's stories of Dr Seuss.
gladstonetheatre.org.uk

OVO ENERGY TOUR SERIES
TUE 21 MAY
Cycling event at Hamilton Square. See page 3.

PJ PROBY
FIRST invited to the UK by The Beatles, this 60s superstar has laid down vocals for Elvis! Catch hits like 'Hold Me' and 'Maria' at the Floral on Thu 16 May (£26.50).

CHILLI PIPERS
Red Hot Chilli Pipers play bagpipe versions of 'Chasing Cars', Wake Me Up' and many more! Catch them at the Floral on Sun 12 May (£26.50).

HEATHER SMALL
THU 25 APR, 7.30pm. £30
M People won Brit Awards and the Mercury Music Prize thanks to hits like 'Moving On Up' and 'Search For The Hero'. Their former lead singer will perform the hits, plus tracks from her own solo albums.
floralpavilion.com

SOUNDS OF THE 60S LIVE - WITH TONY BLACKBURN
TUE 2 APR, 7.30pm. £26
Come along for an evening of unforgettable 60s classics, hosted by BBC Radio 2's Tony Blackburn.
floralpavilion.com

WIN...
WIN 2 TICKETS (AGED 14+) TO THE OPENING NIGHT OF AVENUE Q AT FLORAL PAVILION ON MONDAY 8TH APRIL, 7.30PM.
Q: WHICH US CITY IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE 'THE BIG APPLE'?
Closing date WED 20 MAR 2019. Email your answer plus your name, address and phone number to wvcomps@wirral.gov.uk. Your entry can be posted to Wirral View, Wallasey Town Hall, Brighton Street, Wallasey CH44 8ED

Wirral's model village plans set to go digital

Original drawings of Port Sunlight to be digitised and published online thanks to Heritage Lottery Fund support

A DIGITAL archive of the original drawings for Wirral's historic Port Sunlight Village is to be created thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

The new project, Drawn Together, will include more than 4,000 original plans and detailed drawings of the village.

The aim is to illustrate founder William Lever's vision for Port Sunlight, the industrial model village he built for his workers as well as the artistic and physical development, expansion and evolution of the village over a span of 70 years.

Port Sunlight Village Trust (PVST) received the grant from the HLF for the project which will bring together the partners and the holdings from four collections: Unilever, Art Archives and Records Management (UARM), Wirral Archives, Bolton Library & Museums Service and National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside.

Katherine Lynch, Director of Heritage at PSVT, said: 'We're absolutely delighted that HLF has invested in this exciting project. Together with our partners, we will be able to improve access to these drawings, giving a real opportunity for people across the UK and around the world to connect with Lever's vision for Port Sunlight.

'The drawings include designs from 30 different architectural practices. These designers translated Lever's vision into a picturesque workers' village that remains a desirable place to live, work and visit today.

Above: Example of the plans to be digitized through Drawn Together. Photograph of an original drawing for 31-35 Corniche Road, Port Sunlight, by architect Jonathan Simpson (1850-1937), 1899. The original is held by Bolton Library and Museum Services and is reproduced with their kind permission. Below: 31-35 Corniche Road, Port Sunlight, 2019. By Port Sunlight Village Trust

'We know from experience that original drawings support residents in their efforts to restore or improve their Grade II listed homes, so we hope improved awareness of the plans and access to them will improve Port Sunlight's heritage. The digital archive will also serve as a valuable research tool for learners of all ages.'

Claire Tunstall, Head of Unilever Art, Archives and Records Management, added: 'Unlocking access to these collections is an important step in both preserving the heritage of Port Sunlight Village but also increasing awareness and understanding of William Lever's legacy.'

An online exhibition of drawings from the digital collection will be available on portsunlightresidents.com and portsunlightvillage.com by Autumn 2019.

MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL WILL EXPLORE WIRRAL'S RICH HISTORY

JOIN WIRRAL Libraries this April by digging into the rich history of our borough, as they host a four-week celebration of the past for Local History Month.

Running from 1-29 April, history enthusiasts are invited to enjoy a range of free special events held across Wirral, including a talk on the iconic ship builders of Cammell Laird at St James Library on 29 April, and a talk on Victorian Wirral at Wallasey Village Library on 16 April.

Enthusiasts can also marvel at thousands of local photographs at Birkenhead Reference Library, and explore the legacy of renowned railway builder Thomas Brassey at a talk in Birkenhead Central Library on 29 April.

All events are free, and priority will be given to ticket holders. The full programme of events and tickets can be found at www.wirrallibraries.eventbrite.co.uk or from event locations.

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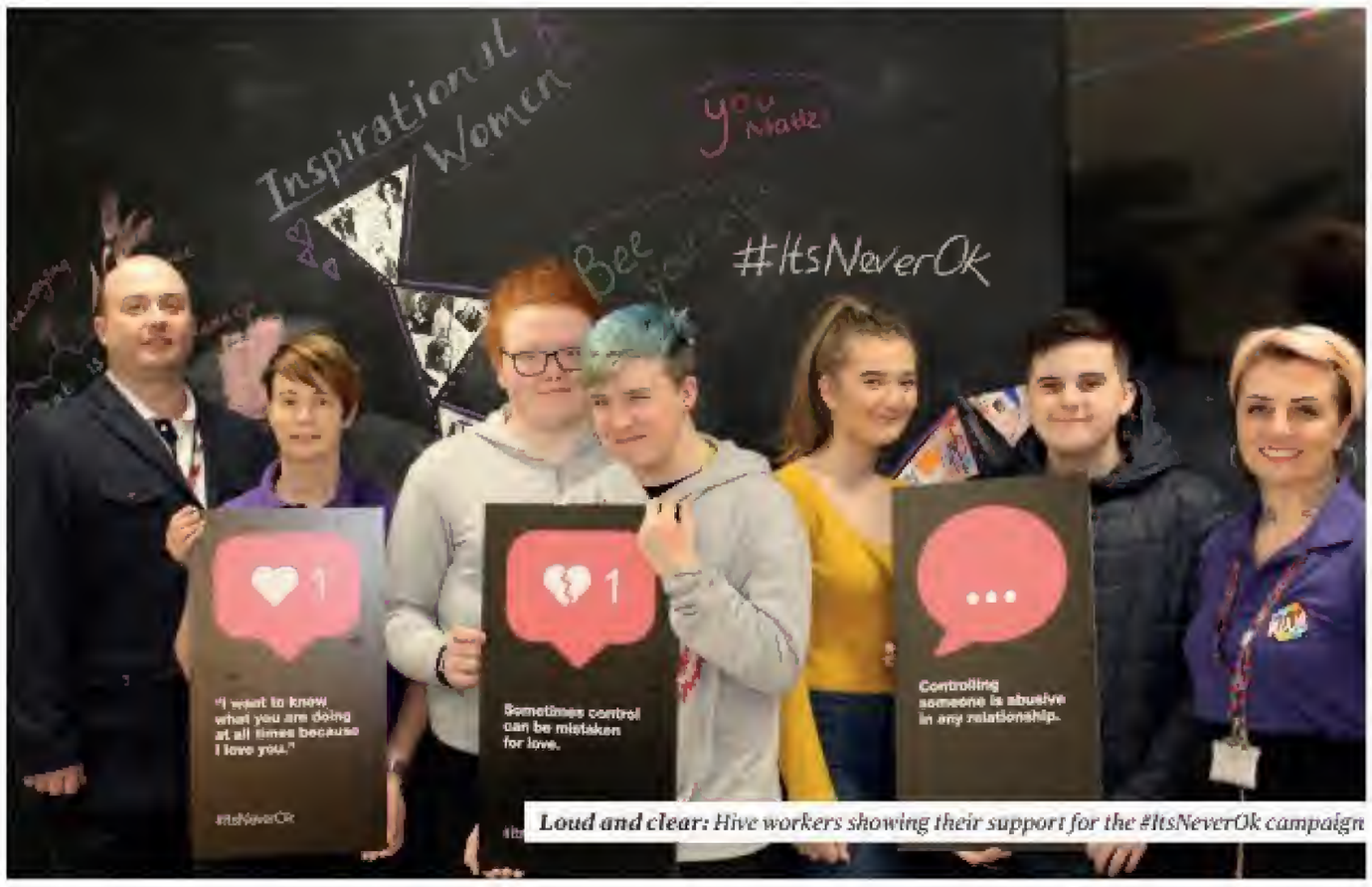
'Stay in control', urge local youth workers

The Hive supports 'eye-opening' campaign against coercive behaviour in relationships



Loud and clear: *Hive workers showing their support for the #ItsNeverOk campaign*

YOUNG PEOPLE and youth workers from the Hive Youth Zone are backing a campaign highlighting coercive control.

The #ItsNeverOk campaign, run by Wirral's Domestic Abuse Alliance, used the Valentine's Day weekend in February to draw attention to controlling behaviour in a relationship.

Largely social media based, #ItsNeverOk is specifically targeting young people in Wirral aged 14-21 highlighting the subtle nature of this abusive behaviour.

The online campaign, which used eye-catching visuals and social media icons, directed its audience to the alliance's dedicated domestic abuse website: www.itsneverokwirral.org. From 14 - 17 February, the campaign covered the 'romantic' weekend via Wirral Council's and The Hive's Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and Twitter accounts.

The spotlight on coercive control comes after figures from Merseyside Police showed that recorded rates of coercive and controlling behaviour in the borough rose from just 10 reports in 2016 to 106 in 2018 - which is a rise of over 1000%.

Rachel Markey, a Youth Worker at the Hive, works with young people from all backgrounds and has led projects about confidence and self-esteem, body image and social media and, of course, healthy relationships.

Rachel said: 'The #ItsNeverOk campaign is in line with the values we try to foster here at the Hive. We're not about spoon-feeding to our young people - they're too headstrong for that! But we do understand that growing up and building relationships is different for young people today than it was, even 10 years ago.'

Last year Rachel ran a course called 'Enduring Love' which looked specifically at the issues that young people face in navigating relationships in a largely digital world.

'Social media, WhatsApp, instant messaging - it's everywhere and it's all the time. We think the campaign may be quite eye-opening for many young people, and adults too. It's showing us all that, just because someone claims to 'love' you, it doesn't give them the right to control or monitor you.'

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT SURVEY: WHAT'S BEST FOR WIRRAL?

WIRRAL PUBLIC Health and NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are reviewing the support available to local people - adults aged 16 years and over - who have concerns about being overweight.

And, to tailor the support options available, they are the lookout for your views.

Are you trying to lose weight or have you tried to 'get fit' in the past? Is your weight impacting on your overall health and wellbeing?

Sharing your weight loss experiences and getting your views heard will help those tasked with providing health and wellbeing support to understand how best to deliver local support services that work for Wirral residents.

Confidentiality is key. The survey doesn't ask for your name or address and any responses received will be securely stored and only used for improving services provided locally.

This survey will close on Friday 29 March 2019 so get your answers in soon. It can be found at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/W5ZG3N5

Minor roads earmarked for treatment

CONDITIONS ON many of the borough's minor, unclassified roads are set to be improved with the announcement of a £500,000 investment over the coming 12 months.

The capital investment has been included in the council budget for 2019-20 which will see surface treatment works take place to address problem potholes on lesser side roads in Wirral.

In recent times, investment has been prioritised largely on improving and maintaining the most-used key routes in the borough and treating only those lesser roads where conditions had deteriorated to a significant extent.

However, this capital bid comes in addition to the annual investment - which in 2019-20 will amount to around £5 million - on highway maintenance plans as the council recognises the pressing need to address issues on unclassified roads.

The money will be spent treating unclassified roads in one of two ways; surface dressing to extend the life of the carriageway and reduce further pot holes; and micro surface treatments, which will again extend the life of the road, but also restore some surface profile.

The roads to be included as part of this programme of investment will be decided on the basis of independent condition survey results, suggestions and reports from elected members and residents and problem locations identified by area inspectors.

The detailed programme will be put together in April.

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Big-hearted foster carers honoured at ceremony

Awards recognise the commitment made by Wirral's amazing army of foster carers

FOSTER CARERS who between them have devoted over 370 years to helping young people have been honoured at Wallasey Town Hall.

The Big Heart Awards were held on Valentine's Day to honour those who have played such an important part in fostering young people - and to welcome new foster carers.

Afternoon tea was served and music played while guests mingled before the awards ceremony began. The Civic Hall was adorned with red balloons and placemats on each table bearing quotes from current foster children about their carers.

The event, compered by Director of Children's Services, Paul Boyce, saw Brenda and George Killip - Wirral's longest serving carers - among those honoured after almost 30 years of helping children in the borough.

The couple have looked after children on a long and short term basis and have cared for over 60 children, including some with disabilities - and although they moved to Wales, they have continued to foster for Wirral.

New foster carer Kelly Galloway spoke during the event about her experiences of fostering so far, and what advice she would offer to anybody who is thinking about starting the process and dispelling some of the common myths around foster care.

Other winners on the day included Julie Preston who won the Foster Carers' Choice which was voted for by other foster carers, and Sue Johnston who scooped the Professionals' Choice Award which was voted for by members of staff from the Children's and Young People's department (CYPD).

Big hearts: *Carers at the ceremony at Wallasey Town Hall*

A new award for the recruitment team was also handed out, as part of measures to highlight the ongoing need for new people to join as foster carers, while a group of foster carers who were retiring after providing decades of care were also honoured.

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special feature

Doing our bit to help the environment

Wirral has hit the ground running for this year's Liverpool City Region 'Year of the Environment', with new initiatives and community activities at the heart of what's already been achieved in 2019.

AS REPORTED in the last edition of Wirral View, 2019 has been designated the 'Year of the Environment' by Liverpool City Region, which aims to showcase the city region's environment and celebrate the valuable work done by so many in the area to keep it looking beautiful.

Wirral is committed to taking an active role in the campaign to tackle and raise awareness of growing environmental issues across the area, whilst highlighting the dedication and work of many local community groups.

The initiative is the city region's response to the government's national Year of Green Action and brings together the Combined Authority, its six constituent local authorities - which includes Wirral, Liverpool, Knowsley, Sefton, St Helens and Halton, plus the Environment Agency and Nature Connected.

Year of the Environment will also help raise awareness of issues and areas that demand action and attention, including air quality, waste levels, and the need to shift towards more sustainable use of energy.

Many of these areas are influenced by the Combined Authority's policy and funding responsibilities.

Just a few of the recent developments are covered in this special feature, with stories ranging from action being taken locally to reduce the number of single-use plastics, to residents coming together to clear rubbish from their own neighbourhoods and a local youngster being given national recognition for her commitment to a clean environment.

For more information on Year of the Environment visit yoe2019lcr.org.uk

Reducing plastic helps keep Wirral fantastic...

A UNIQUE new sculpture has been unveiled in Birkenhead park, designed to make people rethink how much plastic rubbish they throw away.

The temporary sculpture, a 6ft Ecobrick tree, is made up of 35 small Ecobricks for the trunk and around 170 empty plastic bottles for the branches. All together the plastic weighs just over 10kg.

Residents, schools, brownies and guides and litter pickers from Wirral and beyond have all been helping by building Ecobricks. People have even travelled from as far as Anglesey.

An Ecobrick is a reusable building block created by packing clean and dry used plastic into a plastic bottle to a set density; they can then be used in building projects or made into furniture.

Emily Gleaves who launched the community challenge in an effort to raise awareness of the amount of plastic waste in people's weekly food shops said: 'I had been making Ecobricks for a while and thought that something needed to be built to create awareness - after discussions with Birkenhead Park, the Council and Involve Northwest we decided that a tree sculpture would be a good idea.'

'The response has been amazing it's really brought people together. Through creating the Ecobricks people see first-hand how much unnecessary plastic waste is produced on a day to day basis, they don't really believe it till they see it.

'People are starting to think about what they're buying and starting to buy plastic free goods where possible which is fantastic.'

The next stage of the project is to build some Ecobrick benches in the summer. Plans are well underway with 100 Ecobricks already created - that's 36.68kgs of single use plastic that has gone into building the Ecobricks.

Emily is also working on plans with Tam O'Shanter farm to build benches and maybe another structure there and working with Involve Northwest on creating something unique for New Brighton. Watch this space!

If you are interested in getting involved or would like to attend an Ecobrick workshop at Birkenhead Park search 'Ecobricks Community North West' on facebook.

Growing: The Ecotree in Birkenhead Park

special feature

Pick and collect: *Elizabeth receives her award from Julia Bradbury and Dave Guest*

Elizabeth scoops up national 'Keep Britain Tidy' award

A YOUNG schoolgirl from Wirral has scooped herself a national award for her outstanding, inspiring efforts to keep Wirral tidy.

Elizabeth Gadsdon - aka 'The Little Collector' - was announced the winner of the Young #LitterHeroes award at the 2019 Keep Britain Tidy network conference awards, which took place in February.

Elizabeth received her award at the ceremony at the Midland Hotel in Manchester from BBC reporter Dave Guest, and celebrity ambassador and passionate advocate for the Great British countryside, Julia Bradbury.

It is the latest honour for Elizabeth, who started litter picking in April 2017, when she was just six years old, after seeing someone throwing litter out of their car window.

This upset her a lot and she wanted to do something about it so she started picking up litter from the beach and streets around where she lives.

Through speaking with friends at school, Elizabeth encouraged others to take up the challenge with her, building up to the monthly 'Little Collector Crew' litter pick at Birkenhead Park.

Elizabeth has been litter picking for approximately 18 months, often with her faithful four-legged friend, Banjo, for walks on the beach - always with a bag and litter picker in hand.

REFILL REVOLUTION LAUNCHES IN WIRRAL

REFILL WIRRAL is on a mission to make refilling your water bottle as easy, convenient and cheap as possible, by introducing Refill Stations on every street.

The scheme for Wirral was launched at Birkenhead Park; one of 32 places to have already signed up to Refill Wirral.

The scheme encourages shops, cafes, bars, restaurants, banks, galleries, museums, and other businesses to sign up to the free Refill app and put a sticker in their window alerting passers-by to the fact they're welcome to fill up their bottle for free.

Wirral Community Champion Emily Gleaves from Waste Not Want Not has worked with the Council to launch Refill Wirral and she explains why businesses and their customers should get involved.

'We need to lead the way with projects like this and look after where we live. Plastics, including single-use plastic bottles, are now the most frequently found type of litter on UK beaches.

'We are encouraging everyone to take part. Ideally we would like every business that has a working tap to be registered with the Refill app.'

Businesses can add themselves to the app by downloading the Refill app or visiting www.refill.org.uk

Cleaning up the streets across Wallasey

RESIDENTS AND community groups across Wallasey joined forces with public services and other organisations on a series of environmental action days in February and March.

Following the success and popularity of last year's days of action, a further six events were taking place across the Constituency area, starting with a successful clean-up in Leasowe and Moreton East.

Despite facing horrible weather conditions, the series of action days kicked off with 35 dedicated volunteers turning up to work alongside the Council and partners to improve their local environment.

Their day saw a total of 82 bags of rubbish collected from litter picks and clean ups, including dumped items such as mattresses, cushions, scooters, wood, tyres, carpets, ladders, bed frames, cardboard, shopping trolleys and a TV and satellite dish as the team worked across the area.

Environmental action days see public services joining forces with local residents and community groups for a day of focussed action on neighbourhood issues of concern to local communities.

Each event is different and tailored to the locality.

The day brought together representatives from Continental Landscapes, who removed graffiti, and Magenta Living, Kingdom, Interserve (probation team), Merseyside Police, Service Source and Council teams working alongside community-minded residents and groups to help clear litter and waste.

Two skips were also provided for residents to fill with any bulky households waste they wanted to get rid of.

Apart from litter-picking and arranging for household waste to be taken away, the days provide a chance for residents to discuss local issues and to learn more about services and projects.

Door knocking like this has proved successful in the past; following the environmental day in Seacombe last November a new litter bin was funded and installed on Demesne Street by the Wallasey constituency Committee's Love Where You Live campaign following requests from a number of residents.

The clean-up days were funded by Wallasey Constituency Committee and Wirral Council as part of the Love Where You Live/Love Wirral campaign.

Other clean-up days took place in New Brighton, Seacombe and Liscard. More days are scheduled at Wallasey on 9 March and Moreton West and Saughall Massie on 21 March.

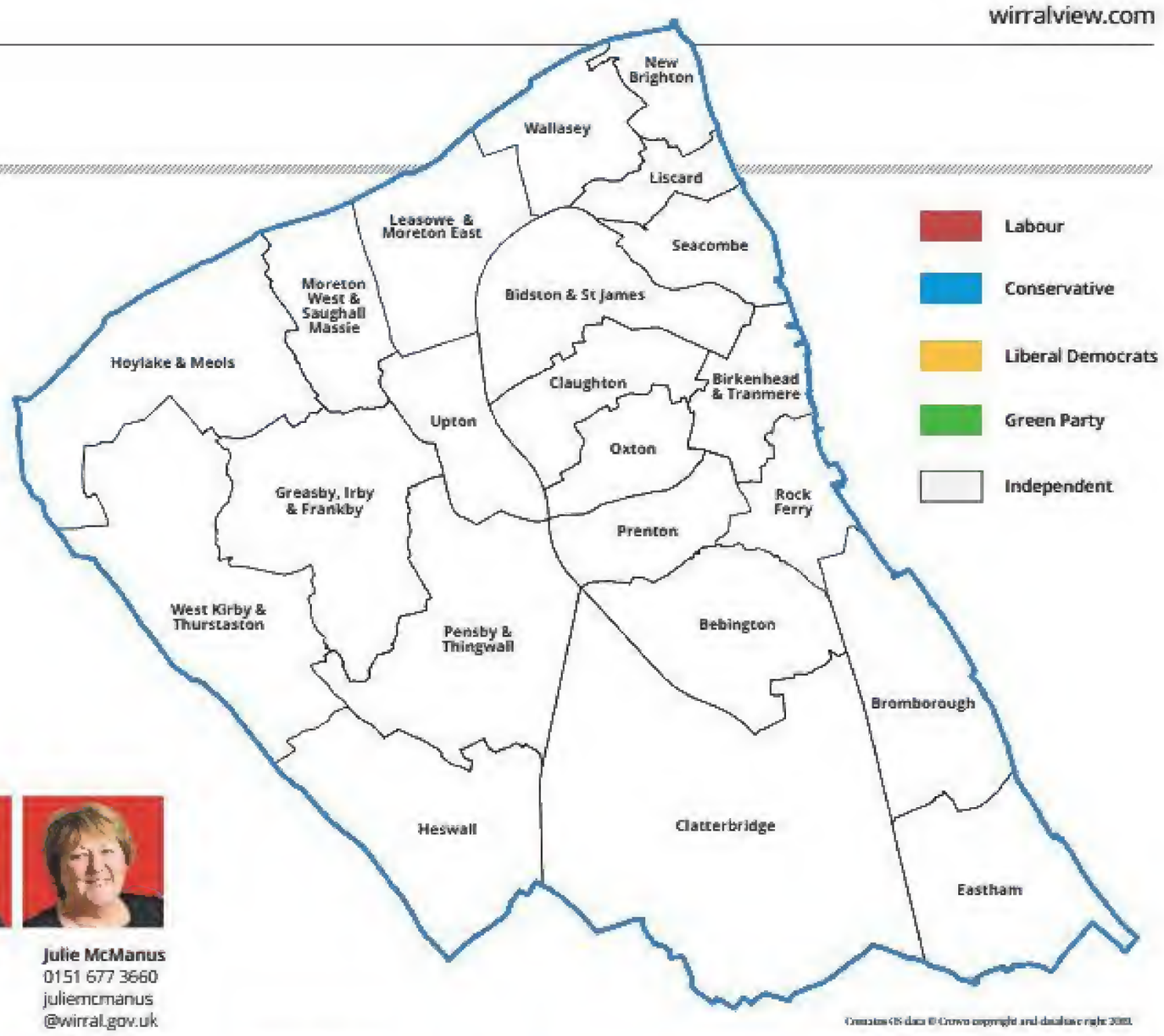
your council

WIRRAL COUNCIL is made up of 66 locally elected councillors representing 22 local areas known as wards. Wirral Council is a Labour-led council with a cabinet made up of Labour councillors.

Each member of the cabinet has a separate area of responsibility such as health, transport, environment.

All councillors have a role in reviewing and scrutinising decisions and decision-making within the authority.

Community leadership and engagement is at the heart of each councillor's role, working in partnership with voluntary and community organisations to actively engage residents and those who use our services.



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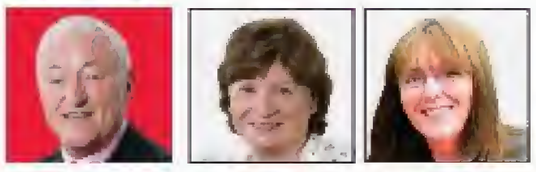

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leader's column

Budget displays prudent financial management

Councillor Phil Davies
Leader of Wirral Council

THIS MONTH I'm incredibly pleased to be presenting a budget to Council which will not just protect the vital services this authority provides - and we all rely upon - but invest in key areas which I know the people of Wirral value so highly.

I'm most proud that we are doing this against a background of almost a decade of continuous cuts in funding from Whitehall to local government.

And it is only possible because of prudent financial management and finding new ways to generate income - focusing on investing, but doing so ethically, to generate extra revenue our services need to survive and improve, while also maximising Wirral Council's efficiency.

Already this approach is paying real dividends, allowing me to again put forward a Council budget which is balanced, sustainable and legal, and will see no services closed or compulsory redundancies, while the £20 million we invested into children's services - more than any other council - is already seeing rapidly improving services.

This is also why we created the Wirral Growth Company, maximising the value from unused council assets to create the homes, offices, leisure and retail opportunities our borough desperately needs. And before a single brick has been laid, we will see a dividend of £5 million to be spent on protecting and investing in local services.

Some examples of how careful financial management ensure continued investment in services this year include hundreds of thousands of pounds on improving our leisure centres and libraries, £175,000 for beach cleaning, and plans for a new state-of-the-art adult day care facility, £200,000 we have set aside for investment in New Ferry and almost a million pounds on the Council Tax reduction scheme which is helping more of our least well-off.

So I take great pleasure in being able to say this budget will help enhance services for the people of Wirral while also providing better value for every pound the Council spends on behalf of all our residents.

> ***We are focusing on investing - ethically - to generate extra revenue to help improve services***

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culture

Nighttime spectacular will spark culture year into life

Family festival planned around return of the popular 'Animated Square' projection

BIRKENHEAD Town Hall will come alive once again later this month when the Animated Square - the first spectacular event of Wirral's year as Borough of Culture for Liverpool City Region - comes back to town.

On 23 March, the Grade II*-listed building will be the canvas for another incredible 3D projection inspired by the story of the town, which attracted thousands of people when it was first shown last year.

An accompanying free family festival will provide entertainment and build the excitement in the build-up to the projection. From late afternoon, visitors will be able to enjoy circus performers, wonderful character encounters, and stunning illumination around the square.

Wirral choirs, including the Wilfred Owen Choir, The Luminelles, Kaboodle, River Sign Choir and Birkenhead School Choir, will be performing before the show, enchanting the audience as darkness falls. There will also be a fun fair and a selection of food and drink stands.

First seen as part of the celebrations for the Three Festivals Tall Ships Regatta last May, the projection show reflects Birkenhead's people, places and history, and Wirral's impact on the wider world. The incredible display is a fitting way to herald Wirral's Borough of Culture year.

Award-winning Illuminos, who created the projection show, spent time investigating Birkenhead's past, present and future to unearth stories they could incorporate into the light and sound display.

Their research took them to Wirral Archives, Birkenhead Priory, Birkenhead Library, Birkenhead Park, Bidston Windmill and Cammell Laird, where they spoke to local archivists and historians.

The event is organised by Wirral Council, with funding for the projection from Arts Council England. The Borough of Culture initiative was introduced by the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.

Full programme and timings will be released closer to the event. For more information, visit imaginewirral.com or follow @ImagineWirral on Twitter.

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WIRRAL WALKING FESTIVAL RETURNS FOR A 17TH YEAR

WIRRAL'S popular month-long walking festival will take place again this May.

Coordinated by Wirral Council's Parks and Countryside Service, the Wirral Walking Festival is now in its 17th year, showcasing the historic towns, villages and landscape of the peninsula.

A free brochure featuring the festival schedule has once again been produced thanks to the help of Wirral Ramblers and Wirral Footpaths and Open Spaces Preservation Society, as well as the Cestrian Ramblers and the Oxton Society.

It will be available from Wirral libraries, leisure centres, Eastham, Wirral and Birkenhead Park visitor centres as well as some health centres.

Library set to stage another Sunday show

Indie-rockers Our Girl will play a matinee show at Birkenhead Central Library in June

EMMA SWANN

BIRKENHEAD library is set to present yet another up and coming indie-rock band this summer with Brighton-based trio Our Girl lined up perform an intimate matinee gig, in collaboration with Get It Loud In Libraries.

The band, made up of real-life best friends, singer and guitarist Soph Nathan, drummer Lauren Wilson and bassist Josh Tyler, have already been making waves with their debut 2015 single, Sleeper, described by the NME as a 'misty masterclass in dreamy shoegaze' and their first EP Normally branded 'phenomenal' by the same publication.

The band further explored their gritty, rock style with heartfelt, hushed vocals on their 2018 debut album Stranger Today, which was produced by the acclaimed Wirral musician and producer, Bill Ryder-Jones (ex-Coral).

In June of this year, the band are bringing their cathartic grunge stylings to Birkenhead Library. The venue has already hosted Get It Loud In Libraries gigs by post-punk band BODEGA and Amsterdam indie-rockers Pip Blom, whose recent sold out show was described as 'deeply satisfying... and uniquely thrilling' (Paul Fitzgerald, Getintothis). You can read our review below.

A matinee gig is a perfect, family-friendly activity on a usually quiet Sunday afternoon and the perfect opportunity to bring Our Girl's 'precocious live energy' and 'heartfelt songwriting' (Robin Murray, CLASH) to a brand-new audience in Birkenhead.

Tickets for Our Girl's gig at Birkenhead Library on 2 June, 2019 are on sale now at seetickets.com.

Review: Pip Blom/Sunstack Jones

A SELL-OUT crowd for Dutch indie-rocker Pip Blom in February proved that there is an increasing appetite in Wirral for original live music without the need to travel to either Liverpool or Chester.

The Sunday afternoon show at Birkenhead Library on 3rd February meant that all ages were able to attend and so it was that a number of youngsters were in the audience alongside more seasoned gig-goers.

Support band, Sunstack Jones kicked off the gig in fine style, their chilled-out melodies fitting in perfectly with the laid-back Sunday afternoon vibe.

In contrast, Pip Blom played fast-paced indie pop that delighted existing fans and will have gained some new ones from the more 'curious' gig goers in attendance as they blasted through their set, which included BBC6 Music-listed singles such as the wonderful 'I Think I'm In Love'.

Fittingly for a band whose focus is so much on presenting melodic pop music, rather than a spectacular stage show, the unpretentious backdrop of the children's section of the library seemed to fit the occasion perfectly.

It was fantastic that such an up and coming band of international standing were performing in Birkenhead, in the town's landmark library. Well done to the library and those involved in the Get it Loud in Libraries movement for making it happen. Roll on the next one!

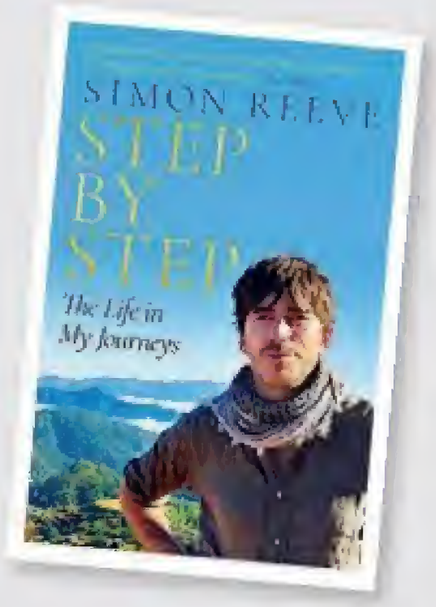
CARL SOUTHWORTH

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

IN THIS REGULAR FEATURE, we reveal the top 10 most loaned books in Wirral libraries, plus offer a top pick from new additions to our library stock, chosen by library staff.

TOP PICK:

STEP BY STEP
By Simon Reeve



TRAVEL WRITER Simon Reeve is a familiar face on TV, his documentaries taking him through jungles, across deserts and into some of the most beautiful and dangerous areas of the world.

In his first autobiography, Step by Step, Reeve tells us with refreshing honesty of his early difficult start as a boy growing up in a rough part of Acton, West London. Committing petty crimes and leaving school without qualifications, Reeve became anxious and depressed as a teenager.

A lucky break and a difficult decision changed the course of his life.

The second part of the memoir deals with his travels all over the world. Descriptions of, amongst other things, being questioned by the KGB, how he contracted malaria and the nerve wracking experience of walking through minefields. This book is also full of rich anecdotes about the people he meets along the way.

If you enjoy Reeve's travel documentaries on television, you will definitely love this account of his own journey from difficult beginnings to become one of our most popular travel writers.

Get your copy at Wirral Libraries.

TOP 10 LIBRARY BOOKS

This month's top 10 most popular library books borrowed from our libraries are:

1. Lethal White, Robert Galbraith
2. Past Tense, Lee Child
3. Home Fire, Kamila Shamsie
4. Heads You Win, Jeffrey Archer
5. Night School, Lee Child
6. Tombland, C.J. Sansom
7. Long Road to Mercy, David Baldacci
8. Sea of Greed, Clive Cussler & Graham Brown
9. How To Measure A Cow, Margaret Forster
10. Dark Sacred Night - Michael Connelly

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'Ask Us' Wirral: your regular advice column

■ Ask Us Wirral is a regular page of advice and information supplied by the 'Ask Us Wirral' service - askuswirral.org.uk.

■ The service provides free, impartial and confidential advice and information to local residents.

■ Funded by the council and Wirral CCG, it's delivered by Citizens Advice Wirral, Age UK Wirral, Wirral Change and Wirral Mencap.

It pays to check you aren't losing benefits

YOUR LATER years can be some of the most fulfilling years of your life. Whether you're enjoying your later life or going through tough times, we are here to help you make the best of your life.

It is estimated that billions of pounds of benefits intended for older people on low incomes go unclaimed each year. If you're 60 or over, you could be entitled to benefits that you haven't been able to claim before.

These can help you keep your independence and improve your standard of living by helping with housing costs, care needs or day to day general living expenses.

It is well worth checking to see whether you are claiming all that you are entitled to. Could you be one of those missing out?

Here is a brief summary of the benefits you may be able to claim for those over state pension age:

- Attendance Allowance
- Carer's Allowance
- Cold Weather Payment
- Council Tax Support
- Help with Health Costs
- Housing Benefit
- Pension Credit
- State Pension
- Urgent or One-Off Expenses
- Warm Home Discount
- Winter Fuel Payment

Some people miss out on benefits because they mistakenly believe that they don't qualify, or are put off by the claims process. You can have a look in more detail about benefits on www.ageuk.org.uk for a full list of factsheets.

If you have concerns about money or paying your bills, try to seek help as soon as possible before it becomes a long term problem that may affect your health.

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If you'd prefer to talk to an adviser about claiming benefits or you need help filling in the forms yourself, contact Ask Us Wirral by filling out our online form www.askuswirral.org.uk and an adviser will call you back or by phoning 0300 33 00 111.

NUISANCE CALLS AND HOW TO STOP THEM

NUISANCE CALLS and messages are an irritating and annoying interruption to our daily lives.

They can also cause anxiety and distress and make us feel vulnerable. Many might also be illegal.

If you are concerned about any telephone calls you receive, end the call immediately, and do not reply to messages you are unsure about. Then alert the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) bit.ly/2VE44YF

The best way to stop nuisance calls is to register with the Telephone Preference Service - they'll add you to their list of numbers that don't want to receive sales and marketing calls. Register on 0345 070 0707 or visit their website tpsonline.org.uk

Thinking the unthinkable – do you know what to do when someone dies?

WHEN SOMEONE close to us passes away, there are things that have to be done, often at a time of great personal distress when we feel least able to manage. What do you need to do first?

If someone dies at home and their death was expected, you should call their GP practice and nearest relative, if that's not you. The doctor will issue a medical certificate, which states the cause of death. You'll also be given a formal notice stating that they have signed the medical certificate. This tells you how to register the death.

Once the doctor has issued the medical certificate you can call a funeral director of your choice who will move the body to a funeral home.

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If someone dies at home unexpectedly, call 111 straight away and ask for advice. An unexpected death may need to be reported to a coroner. The coroner may call for a post-mortem or inquest to find out the cause of death. If a death is reported to a coroner, you can't register the death until they give permission and the funeral may need to be delayed.

If the person dies in hospital, the hospital will support you with the steps you need to take and will issue the medical certificate and formal notice. The body is usually moved to the hospital mortuary until the funeral director or relatives arrange for the body to be taken elsewhere.

If someone dies abroad, you will need to register the death according to the regulations of the country they pass away in. Register it with the British Consul in the country too, so you can get a death certificate and a record can be kept in the UK.

recruitment & public notices

JOBS

You can view all job vacancies and apply online at: **wirral.gov.uk/jobs**

PLANNING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following applications have been received:-

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

MR & MRS MORTON, ALFRETON RESIDENTIAL HOME, 6 RESERVOIR ROAD, PRENTON, CH42 8LJ. Change of use of Care Home (Use Class C2) to single dwelling (Use Class C3) with the erection of a single storey front extension, single storey rear extension with external terrace over, the installation of a rear dormer window and alterations to windows and doors to side elevation. APP/19/00059. Full Planning Permission. Mountwood Conservation Area.

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS LTD. THE STIRRUP, ARROWE PARK ROAD, WOODCHURCH, CH49 5PB. Demolition of existing public house and erection of 15 dwellings with associated parking and landscaping. APP/19/00063. Full Planning Permission.

MARKS AND SPENCER, MARKS AND SPENCERS, 136 TELEGRAPH ROAD, HESWALL, CH60 0AH. Installation of roof mounted plant comprising two Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) units. APP/19/00076. Full Planning Permission. Definitive footpath (public right of way).

MR BOOTON, REDSUN PROJECTS, RIVERVIEW ROAD, BROMBOROUGH. Variation of condition 2 - Amended layout. APP/19/00084. Full Planning Permission.

The following proposal does not accord with the provisions of the development plan: **MRS MALLEY, 2 SEAVIEW AVENUE, IRBY, CH61 4UX.** First floor rear extension, 2no. hip to gable extensions, single storey side extension forming new garage/garden room, front porch and 2no. front dormers. APP/19/00106. Full Planning Permission. Departure from U.D.P.

MR FINLAY, SITE OF 78, 78A AND 82 BEBINGTON ROAD, NEW FERRY, CH62 5AE. New build residential development to provide 11 apartments. APP/19/00107. Full Planning Permission. Affects setting of Grade II listed building. Affects setting of Conservation Area Port Sunlight.

MR BOOTON, REDSUN PROJECTS, UNUSED LAND, RIVERVIEW ROAD, BROMBOROUGH. Variation of condition 2 (Plan Numbers) of Planning Approval 18/00942. APP/19/00108. Full Planning Permission.

The following proposal does not accord with the provisions of the development plan: **MR & MRS WATSON, THE CROFT, 5 GAYTON LANE, GAYTON, CH60 3SH.** Proposed Extension to Front Dormers. APP/19/00115. Full Planning Permission. Departure from U.D.P.

Any representations regarding the above applications must be received in writing by 6 March 2019 at the address below. Notice is dated 13 February 2019.

MR FARLEY, 4 FERRY ROAD, EASTHAM, WIRRAL, CH62 0AJ. Erection of 2 no. 4 bedroom houses (semi-detached). APP/18/01601. Full Planning Permission. Eastham Conservation Area.

MR HW FITNESS LTD. UNIT 7, THE CURVE, 139 TELEGRAPH ROAD, HESWALL, CH60 7SE. Change of use of vacant existing retail Unit No. 7 (Class A1 use) at first floor level, to use as a health and fitness centre including gymnasium use (Class D2 use), to operate 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Including addition of roof mounted air conditioning units. APP/18/01642. Full Planning Permission. Affects setting of Grade II listed building.

MR & MRS JONES, WELLINGTON BARN, IRBY MILL FARM, MILL HILL ROAD, IRBY, CH61 4XQ. Erection of an detached outbuilding to form a barn. APP/18/01659. Full Planning Permission. Archaeological site.

MISS HORBURY, ARCHWAY HOMES LTD. OLD ANSELMIANS RUGBY CLUB, EASTHAM VILLAGE ROAD, EASTHAM, CH62 0BJ. Variation of condition 2 of APP/17/00179 to allow amended garage details to plots 9,10 and 11. APP/19/00075. Full Planning Permission. Eastham Conservation Area. Definitive footpath (public right of way). Affects setting of Grade II listed building.

MAGENTA LIVING, MAGENTA LIVING, LAND AT DELAMERE AVENUE, EASTHAM, WIRRAL, CH62 9ED. Erection of 6 new houses and 6 new apartments with car parking along with access road. APP/19/00132. Full Planning Permission.

MR S BRADLEY, QUARRY COTTAGE, HILL BARK ROAD, FRANKBY, CH48 1NT. Erection of a two storey side conservatory extension with slate covered pitched roof (Resubmission APP/18/01349). APP/19/00140. Full Planning Permission. Definitive footpath (public right of way). Archaeological site. Affects setting of Grade II listed building.

MS PARKINSON, 19 WATER STREET, PORT SUNLIGHT, CH62 5HB. Retrospective Permission Ground floor opening kitchen and dining room. Ground floor opening dining room and living room. LBC/19/00154. Listed Building Consent. Grade II listed building. Port Sunlight Conservation Area.

MR HIRANI, HW FITNESS LTD. THE CURVE, 139 TELEGRAPH ROAD, HESWALL, CH60 7SE. Installation of illuminated fascia sign, illuminated side signage and non illuminated window/door graphics. ADV/19/00156. Advertisement Consent. Affects setting of Grade II listed building.

Any representations regarding the above applications must be received in writing by 13 March 2019 at the address below. Notice is dated 20 February 2019.

MR GOODWIN, OROVALES, 135 CALDY ROAD, CALDY, CH48 1LP. Erection of 2 no. new dwellings. Relocation of existing vehicular entrance/driveway and associated landscaping works. APP/18/01539. Full Planning Permission. Caldy Conservation Area.

MISS WHITE, LIVERPOOL MUTUAL HOMES, PENSBY HALL RESIDENTIAL HOME, 347 PENSBY ROAD, PENSBY, CH61 9NE. To erect 3 storey building consisting of 15no. two bedroom apartments and associated external works and landscaping following demolition of existing care home. APP/19/00096. Full Planning Permission.

CHRISTOPHER, 29 CORNICHE ROAD, PORT SUNLIGHT, CH62 5HA. Replacement of non-original timber windows and door with those in line with Listed Building Consent Order, removal of ground floor bathroom and partition to create larger kitchen/dining area, installation of new bathroom at first floor level to replace central bedroom, removal of stud partitioning and built in wardrobes in rear bedroom to create larger bedroom and upgrading works to electrics and plumbing. LBC/19/00123. Listed Building Consent. Grade II listed building. Port Sunlight Conservation Area.

MISS ANN FLAHERTY, SOLAR OPTIONS FOR SCHOOLS LTD. FOXFIELD SCHOOL, NEW HEY ROAD, WOODCHURCH, CH49 5LE. Notification for prior approval for the installation, alteration or replacement of other Solar photovoltaics (PV) equipment on the roofs of non-domestic buildings, up to a capacity of 1 megawatt, subject to certain limitations. SPVX/19/00130. PriorApproval Solar PV roof non-domestic. Definitive footpath (public right of way).

MISS HEELEY, LIDL GREAT BRITAIN LTD. STRATTON COURT, THURSBY ROAD, BROMBOROUGH, CH62 3PW. Erection of Class A1 retail unit, car parking and servicing areas, access and associated works following demolition of existing buildings. APP/19/00151. Full Planning Permission.

MR DIRANIA, 15 MARINE TERRACE, MAGAZINES PROMENADE, EGREMONT, CH45 7RE. Demolition of existing bathroom extension, remodelling of ground floor and erection of single storey rear extension and associated external works. APP/19/00152. Full Planning Permission. The Magazines Conservation Area.

MR LATIF, CHERRY COTTAGE, WALL RAKE, HESWALL, CH60 8QW. Demolition of existing buildings and rebuilding as two stories with new two storey extension temporary demolition of part boundary wall for construction access. Then rebuilt incorporating new retaining walls. APP/19/00172. Full Planning Permission. Heswall Conservation Area.

MR DEAN, BRYNAWEL, 276 IRBY ROAD, IRBY, CH61 2XQ. Outline Application for the erection of a two storey dwelling with all matters reserved. OUT/19/00177. Outline Planning Permission. Archaeological site.

The following proposal does not accord with the provisions of the development plan: **MR WAINWRIGHT, 117-119 WALLASEY ROAD, LISCARD, CH44 2AA.** Erection of two self contained apartments. APP/19/00184. Full Planning Permission. Departure from U.D.P.

MR REYNOLDS, ROBINSWOOD, 57 CROFT DRIVE EAST, CALDY, CH48 2JR. Conversion of existing flat roof to single-storey element of main dwellinghouse to form roof terrace. To be accessed via new opening sited within the cat slide roof plane of the main dwellinghouse. APP/19/00194. Full Planning Permission. Caldy Conservation Area.

Any representations regarding the above applications must be received in writing by 20 March 2019 at the address below. Notice is dated 27 February 2019.

The following proposal does not accord with the provisions of the development plan: **MR EDWARDS, TREE VIEW, 3 CEDARWAY, GAYTON, CH60 3RH.** Erection of a first-floor side extension, new front dormers and construction of a first-floor rear extension. APP/18/01654. Full Planning Permission. Departure from U.D.P.

MR RIDDIOUGH, ST PAULS PARISH CHURCH, CHURCH ROAD, SEACOMBE. Internal partitions to form toilet facilities, first floor storage area for donated clothes, household implements and partition to enclose kitchen. LBC/19/00052. Listed Building Consent. Grade II listed building.

MR BOOTON, REDSUN PROJECTS, RIVERVIEW ROAD, BROMBOROUGH. Variation of condition 2 - 17/01049 to. APP/19/00084. Full Planning Permission.

MR EVANS, KARTRE LTD. HIGHFIELD, THE MOUNT, HESWALL, CH60 4RD. Redevelopment of site for one 4-storey building comprising 4 apartments. APP/19/00175. Full Planning Permission. Heswall Conservation Area.

MR DEWEY, LEASOWE CASTLE HOTEL, LEASOWE ROAD, LEASOWE, CH46 3RF. Conversion of function rooms and ancillary spaces at first floor into nine additional en-suite bedrooms with the installation of a window and the fixing of externally mounted soil and vent pipes. APP/19/00179. Full Planning Permission. Grade II* listed building. Archaeological site.

MR DEWEY, LEASOWE CASTLE HOTEL, LEASOWE ROAD, LEASOWE, CH46 3RF. Application for Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations to convert existing function rooms and ancillary spaces at first floor into nine additional en-suite bedrooms. Internal works to comprise the removal and installation of partition walls, doors and services and external works to comprise the installation of a window and the fixing of external soil/vent pipes. LBC/19/00180. Listed Building Consent. Grade II* listed building. Archaeological site.

MR WILKINSON, TRAVIS PERKINS PLC. TRAVIS PERKINS, CARR LANE, HOYLAKE, CH47 4BA. Erection of additional external racking. APP/19/00196. Full Planning Permission. Affects setting of Grade II listed building. Affects setting of Conservation Area Meols Drive.

The following proposal does not accord with the provisions of the development plan: **MR & MRS RIDDIOUGH, SAN GERAN, COTTAGE DRIVE EAST, GAYTON, CH60 8NY.** Proposed side extension to property to create annex accommodation with proposed dormer extension to front of existing roof. APP/19/00197. Full Planning Permission. Departure from U.D.P.

MR MAWDSLEY, PEEL LAND & PROPERTY LIMITED, LAND BETWEEN DOCK ROAD AND EAST FLOAT DOCK. The carrying out of : public realm works : remediation of contaminated land; and, formation of car parking at North Bank Quarter, East Float, Wirral Waters. APP/19/00202. Full Planning Permission. Affects setting of Grade II listed building.

MR ROSCOE, WGJ PROPERTY LTD. LAND AT FORMER OLD TAVERN CLUB, MAGAZINE LANE, NEW BRIGHTON, CH45 5AD. Construction of 14 no. 2 bedroom self contained flats with new access and associated parking and landscape works. APP/19/00206. Full Planning Permission.

The following proposal does not accord with the provisions of the development plan: **MRS PILGRIM, TREE TOPS, 15 WOODLANDS DRIVE, BARNSTON, CH61 1AP.** Erection of mansard roof to bungalow to form a two storey house. New proposal following refusal - APP/18/01366. APP/19/00218. Full Planning Permission. Departure from U.D.P.

The following proposal does not accord with the provisions of the development plan: **MR & MRS VERDIER, 122 CLAREMOUNT ROAD, LISCARD, CH45 3JQ.** To remove the existing dormer to the front roof slope and construct a new dormer to a different design in its place. APP/19/00222. Full Planning Permission. Departure from U.D.P.

MR & MRS HIGGS, 23 DRUMMOND ROAD, HOYLAKE, CH47 4AU. Proposed single storey rear kitchen/ dining room extension. APP/19/00224. Full Planning Permission. Meols Drive Conservation Area.

MR HERCULES, ERAKLIS DEVELOPMENTS LTD. UNUSED LAND, 2 VILLAGE ROAD, OXTON, CH43 5SR. Change of approved use from offices to residential at first and second floors (8no. apartments). APP/19/00225. Full Planning Permission. Oxton Conservation Area. Affects setting of Grade II listed building.

WILKIE & THOMAS, 33 & 35 WHITEHOUSE LANE, BARNSTON, CH60 1UD. Demolition of existing dwellings and construction of new residential development of 10 apartments (resubmission of withdrawn APP/18/01143). APP/19/00229. Full Planning Permission.

Any representations regarding the above applications must be received in writing by 27 March 2019 at the address below. Notice is dated 6 March 2019.

You can see details and plans of the application on our web site at https://planning.wirral.gov.uk/online-applications/ and you can submit comments online or by E-mail to planningapplications@wirral.gov.uk. A copy of the application, plans and other documents are available for inspection at the offices for Delivery Services, Wallasey Town Hall, South Annexe, Brighton Street, Wallasey, CH27 9FQ between 9.30am to 12.00pm Tuesday and Thursday by appointment only. Please contact 0151 691 8454.
If the application is a householder application, in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about the householder application will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage. Please be aware that all comments received will be made available for viewing on the file and your stance and address will be published online. We value the privacy of your data and we advise you to read our Privacy Notice online for further information: https://www.wirral.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning/development-management-privacy-notice.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
THE BUILDING (LOCAL AUTHORITY CHARGES) REGULATIONS 2010
Please note that pursuant to Regulation 3 of the above legislation, the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral Council have amended the 'scheme' by which charges are fixed for the purposes of carrying out Building Regulation and related functions as prescribed.
The amended 'scheme' will take effect on 1st April 2019 and is available for inspection at: Wirral Council, Economic and Housing Growth Directorate, South Annexe, PO Box 290, Brighton Street , Wallasey, Wirral CH27 9FQ. The office is open to the public Monday to Friday between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm.
Notice is dated 6 March 2019.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
SECTION 123 AS AMENDED BY PARAGRAPH 14 OF PART V OF SCHEDULE 23 TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING AND LAND ACT 1980
TAKE NOTICE that Wirral Borough Council in pursuance of its powers contained in the above mentioned Act intends to dispose of the following parcel of land:-

- 370 square metres of land being the site of 85 – 89 King Street, Wallasey, Merseyside

A plan showing the extent of the disposal is available for inspection in the One Stop Shop, Wirral Borough Council, Town Hall, Brighton Street, Wallasey CH44 8ED during normal office hours and any objections to the proposed disposals should be made in writing before the 29th March 2019 to Wirral Borough Council, Conveyancing Section, Town Hall, Brighton Street, Wallasey, Wirral, CH44 8ED (Ref: SF/RSN 37908). *Notice is dated 6 March 2019.*

TRAFFIC

SECTION 14 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) - NOTICE OF MAKING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTION ORDER IN THE SPITAL AREA 2019
Notice is hereby given that Wirral Borough Council have made the above order under section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by section 1 and Schedule 1 of the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 and of all other enabling powers to enable proposed works to be executed on or near the roads specified in the proposed order (having already advertised notice of intent). The effects of the order, the alternative route for vehicular traffic the date the order comes into force and its maximum duration is set out below.
Poulton Road (Temporary Road Closure), Spital Order 2019
The effect of this order will be to close Poulton Road residential service road, Spital from a point 75 meures north of its junction with Warren Hey for a distance of 55 metres in a northerly direction to all vehicular traffic.
Alternative route: Traffic to be diverted via Warren Hey and Poulton Road main carriageway and vice versa.
Maximum Duration of the order: From 08.00am 4 March 2019 until 23:59pm 25 March 2019 (or such earlier date as the works are completed by). *Notice is dated 20 February 2019.*

SECTION 14 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) - NOTICE OF MAKING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTION ORDER IN THE NEW FERRY AREA 2019
Notice is hereby given that Wirral Borough Council have made the above order under section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by section 1 and Schedule 1 of the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 and of all other enabling powers to enable proposed works to be executed on or near the roads specified in the proposed order (having already advertised notice of intent).
The effects of the order, the alternative route for vehicular traffic the date the order comes into force and its maximum duration is set out below.
School Lane (Temporary Road Closure), New Ferry Order 2019
The effect of this order will be to close School Lane, New Ferry from its junction with Olinda Street for a dissance of 35 metres in a south-easterly direction to all vehicular traffic.
Maximum Duration of the order: From 08.00am 11 March 2019 until 23:59pm 8 April 2019 (or such earlier date as the works are completed by). *Notice is dated 6 March 2019.*

SECTION 14 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) - NOTICE OF MAKING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTION ORDER IN THE WALLASEY AREA 2019
Notice is hereby given that Wirral Borough Council have made the above order under section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by section 1 and Schedule 1 of the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 and of all other enabling powers to enable proposed works to be executed on or near the roads specified in the proposed order (having already advertised notice of intent).
The effects of the order, the alternative route for vehicular traffic the date the order comes into force and its maximum duration is set out in the schedule below.
Wallacre Road (Temporary Road Closure), Wallasey Order 2019
Schedule
The effect of this order will be:
A. Wallacre Road, Wallasey at the junction of Breck Road to its junction with Breckside Avenue to all vehicular traffic. Alternative route: Traffic to be diverted via Breck Road, School Lane, Beaufort Drive and vice versa.
B. Wallacre Road, Wallasey at its junction of Breckside Avenue to its junction with Beaufort Drive to all vehicular traffic. Alternative route: Traffic to be diverted via Breck Road, School Lane, Beaufort Drive and vice versa.

Maximum Duration of the order: From 08.00am 7 March 2019 until 23:59pm 3 April 2019 (or such earlier date as the works are completed by). *Notice is dated 6 March 2019.*

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